Leading Off

Canyon/Friona/Pampa—Three dinners are scheduled today (Sunday) throughout the Diocese of Amarillo.

At St. Ann’s Church in Canyon, the 26th annual Czech Sausage Dinner will be served from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall at 605 38th Street.

The meal of Czech Sausage and all the trimmings will be served to adults for $10.00 each and to children six and older for $5.00. Children under five eat free. There will also be a drive-thru.

In Friona, the Ladies Society at St. Teresa of Jesus Church will host its annual Mexican Dinner from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall at 401 West 17th Street. The meal of enchiladas, a taco, beans, rice, dessert, chips and salsa will be served to adults for $10.00 each and to children ten and under for $5.00. Children under five eat free. There will also be a drive-thru.

In Amarillo, the Ladies Society at St. Teresa of Jesus Church will host its annual Mexican Dinner from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall, adjacent to the church at 401 West 17th Street. The meal of enchiladas, a taco, beans, rice, dessert, chips and salsa will be served to adults for $12.00 and to children ten and under for $6.00.

Knights of Columbus Council #2767 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa, will offer its 65th annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Columbus Home Association at 318 North Cuyler. Tickets at the door are $14.00. Children under six eat free.

Amarillo—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek will celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion today (Sunday) at 2:30pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

All participants in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion should be at St. Mary’s Cathedral by 1:30pm to receive final instructions, according to Sister María Elena Ferrer, SSND, Coordinator of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Amarillo.

Amarillo—The Honorable Cecilia Abbott, First Lady of Texas, will be the keynote speaker Sunday, March 19 for the 20th annual Respect Life Banquet.

This year’s banquet, which benefits Respect Life Ministries in the Diocese of Amarillo, will begin with social hour at 4:00pm, with dinner served at 5:00 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 South Buchanan.

Tickets are $50 per person, which includes a prime rib dinner catered by the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, according to Stephanie Frausto, director of Respect Life Ministries.

The first Hispanic First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott’s story reminds everyone that the American Dream is alive and well in Texas. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Mrs. Abbott was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators, and who instilled in her, her sister and two brothers a love of learning and helping others. Mrs. Abbott took their lessons to heart, and studied at the University of Texas at Austin before subsequently earning three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, a Master’s degree in Education and a Master’s degree in Theology.

Mrs. Abbott has been a teacher, vice-principal and principal at several Catholic schools across Texas. Most recently she served as the principal of the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Austin from 1996 to 2001. Mrs. Abbott then went on to another noble calling working in senior health care services, where she served as the managing director of community relations from 2004 to 2013 for a health care company specializing in senior adult health care facilities and services.

But Mrs. Abbott hasn’t only devoted her professional life to helping others; she’s done the same thing in her personal life. She currently serves on the board of several educational organizations: the University of St. Thomas Board of Directors, the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Directors, the St. Gabriel’s Catholic School Board of Trustees and the Cathedral School of St. Mary Advisory Board. Mrs. Abbott is also active in numerous philanthropic groups—she is a member of the Women’s Symphony League of Austin, the Dell Children’s Women’s Trust and is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

First Lady Of Texas To Keynote Respect Life Banquet

OCP Choir Mission March 23-25

The Choir Mission will begin March 23 with a 7:00pm concert at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. The concert will be led by Hurd and Cortez and will feature English-speaking and Spanish-speaking choirs of the Diocese of Amarillo. Those wishing to take part in the March 23 concert are asked to contact Father Madrigal at 355-5621.

Activities continue the following evening with the first of three workshops from 7:00 to 10:00 in the Conference Center at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th. The first workshop will focus on the question, What do the Liturgical Documents teach us about our role in the Eucharistic Liturgy? Topics of discussion will include:

• The Documents: Sing to the Lord and Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy;
• Transformation from Musicians and Performers to Ministers and Disciples;
• Appropriate music for the Liturgy;
• Music at Mass: what to sing and when to sing it; and,
• Understanding the rhythm of the Eucharist.

Two workshops are scheduled Saturday, March 25, also at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The topic of the morning workshop is Preparing Liturgy that invites Participation from the Assembly.

Among the subject matter to be covered includes:

• The Liturgical Year, Feasts and Solemnities;
• Planning for Sunday Mass;
• Teaching New Music;
• Understanding the Assembly’s Needs;
• Growing the Parish Repertoire; and,
• Appreciating Different Musical Styles

After a break for lunch, the afternoon workshop will focus on Spirituality for Liturgical Musicians and Ministers and include discussion on:

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We consider this poor man, who has a name by the way: Lazarus, which ironically means “God helps” or God is the “provident one who takes care of us.” He practically invisible to the rich man. In this he takes on a face; he becomes a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whose name says that God loves him and cares for him, despite his horrible condition as an outcast. Lazarus teaches us that other people we encounter are really gifts to us, in that we are called especially during this time of Lent to recognize their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and change of heart.

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Bishop Patrick J. Zurek:

Lent always begins with the dramatic, symbolic call to conversion. It reminds us of Christ’s victory over death and the urgent call to conversion. During this time of Lent as we prepare for Easter and to reeducate ourselves for our baptism, we are asked to return to God, to refuse to settle for mediocrity in our lives as Christians, and to remember that Jesus is the faithful friend walking with us on the way to our Emmaus who never abandons us.

This season of Lent is the most favorable season for deepening our spiritual life, through the means of sanctification the Church gives us, particularly fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

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Lent is a favorable season to open our doors to others, to those in need, and to recognize the face of Christ. In a real sense, observe every life we encounter that is deserving of our acceptance, and respect and love. And even though we might not see, we realize in a pregnant women as her belly enlarges, without a face, invisible, someone who is a gift to us. We should open our doors to give that person a chance at life.

Sin becomes a problem in our vision here. Sin blinds us to seeing the giftedness of another person. St. John Paul II referred to this same concept when he described a spirituality of communion. What is interesting is that, unlike poor Lazarus, the rich man has no name. He acts like a king; he is dressed in purple cloth, which at that time would have been almost more expensive than silver and gold. He is described in the parable as feasting sumptuously every day and yet he can’t see Lazarus at his doorstep. We don’t see many of the invisible migrants. We don’t see them; we don’t think of them. And yet they’re the Lazaruses around us today. This particular scripture bluntly condemns the love of money. It says very clearly no one can be the slave of two masters; he’ll hate one and love the other, or be attached to the first and despise the second.

The liturgy on Ash Wednesday, as we began Lent, invited us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. We used the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.” It is interesting that the greater part of this parable takes place in the afterlife. We’ve brought nothing into the world and we take nothing out of the world. The rich man recognized Lazarus, saw him only amid his own torments in the afterlife. He wanted the poor man Lazarus to alleviate his suffering with simply a drop of water on his tongue. What irony! Because what he is asking of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done to Lazarus, for Lazarus, but never did. The rich man then asked Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers who are still alive. “Abraham,” he said, “send Lazarus to help me.” But Abraham replied that they have Moses and the prophets; they have the word of God, “Let them listen to them.”

The rich man’s real problem became clear. He failed to heed the word of God. And this is what the Holy Father is calling us to. Take time during this season of Lent. It is a time set aside for spiritual growth, for looking at our shortcomings and correcting them with the grace of God. Let the Word of God, rich as it is, enter into us and change our hearts. Let the Lenten season be a time of conversion for us that we might come to Easter renewed. Let this Lent be a favorable season to renew our encounter with Christ, an encounter that comes in the word of God as we contemplate it, in the sacraments as we receive and reflect them, and in our neighbors, especially the ones in need.

My prayer is that you have a holy Lent, a meaningful Lent, that you take it seriously. Do not ask for dispensation from fasting and abstinence from meat. Truly take Lent for what it is: an instrument of healing and a change of heart.

**Priests Birthdays**

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo observing their birthdays in the month of March include:
- Father Haider Quintero
  March 25
- Father Nicholas Gerber
  March 31

**Ordination Anniversaries**

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo observing their ordination anniversaries in the month of March include:
- Bishop John W. Yanta
  March 17, 1956
- Father Mieczyslaw “Mitch” Przepiora
  March 25, 1990

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**Chrisism Mass Tuesday, April 11**

Amarillo—The annual Chrism Mass is set for Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek invites the faithful to attend the Chrism Mass and to show their support for the priests of the Diocese of Amarillo.

“If you support your parish priest, we encourage you to join us for the Chrism Mass in a show of support for all of our priests,” said Bishop Zurek.

During the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Catechumen, the Oil of the Sick and the Chrism will be blessed. Priests of the diocese, who will concelebrate with Bishop Zurek, will renew their commitment to their ordained ministry and to the bishop. The Mass of Chrism is considered a celebration of ordained priesthood.

Chrisism is a mixture of oil and balsam, or balm, used for liturgical anointings—Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, the blessing of an altar and, in former days, the coronation of kings.

Its symbolism is both royal and priestly, therefore fitting for both the royal priesthood of all Christians and the hierarchical priesthood of Orders. At one time, the oil had to be olive, but now may be vegetable, seed or coconut oil if olive oil is difficult to obtain or too expensive.

For those unable to attend the April 11 Chrism Mass, the Mass will be broadcast live on St. Valentine Radio, 1360AM, KDJW, and online at www.kdjw.org, beginning at 6:50pm.

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**Society**

Nazareth—Treva Ramsey and Zepplin Smith were united in marriage, Feb. 25, Holy Family Church, Father Ken Keller, presiding, with Deacon Bob Birkenfeld, assisting. The bride is the daughter of Bryan and Tracy Ramsey of Nazareth. The groom is the son of Daniel and Kelli Smith of Olton.
Sixth Annual Bishop’s Gala Friday, May 5 At Amarillo Country Club

Amarillo—Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, will be the keynote speaker Friday, May 5 at the sixth annual Bishop’s Gala, which will take place at Amarillo Country Club, 4800 Bushland Blvd.

The evening, hosted by the Catholic Foundation of the Texas Panhandle, will include a social hour, dinner, a live auction and casino tables.

Chairing this year’s Gala are Belinda and Greg Britten, parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo.

Cardinal Rodríguez is a native of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Salesians of St. John Bosco on June 28, 1970 and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Tegucigalpa on Oct. 28, 1978.

After being appointed Archbishop of Tegucigalpa on Jan. 8, 1993, he was created a Cardinal on Feb. 21, 2001. He was a participant in both the 2005 and 2013 Conclaves. Cardinal Rodríguez served two terms as president of Caritas International and was president of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM) from 1995 to 1999. He is also the Coordinator of the Council of Cardinals advising Pope Francis.


Tickets are now available for the Bishop’s Gala, at $100 per person or $1,500 for a benefactor table of eight. Proceeds from this year’s Gala will go toward the financial needs at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, the only secondary Catholic School in the Diocese of Amarillo. RSVP’s are being accepted at this time, according to Kim Richard, director of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Amarillo. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. They include:

- Gold Level, beginning at $2,500;
- Silver Level, beginning at $2,000; and,
- Bronze Level, beginning at $1,500.

Please contact Richard at 383-2243, ext. 130, or via email, krichard@dioama.org for more details and benefits of Gala Sponsorships.

Checks for tickets and sponsorships should be made payable to “Diocese of Amarillo” and stubbed “Bishop’s Gala.” Seating is limited.

The evening will also include a live auction, which will include an opportunity to bid on a trip to Broadmoor, Colo.

“We invite everyone to join us for a great evening of fellowship and outstanding food,” she said. “This is a great opportunity to pick up some great gifts for your loved ones and to help contribute to the education of our children at Holy Cross Catholic Academy.”

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Helen Sage at 517-1570; Sandy Riney at 359-6706; or Belinda Britten at 420-1030.

Second Kolbe Prison Retreat Scheduled March 23-25

Amarillo—The second of two Kolbe Prison Retreats scheduled this year will take place in March and volunteers are needed, according to Deacon Jessie Guerrero, diocesan Prison Ministry Coordinator.

The retreat will take place Thursday, March 23 through Saturday, March 25 at the Neal Unit.

Deacon Guerrero is seeking the support of 30 men from the Knights of Columbus, the ACTS Community and the Cursillo Movement to make these retreats possible.

“We are asking for volunteers for these retreats and any assistance to this ministry will be greatly appreciated,” he said.

The first Kolbe Prison Retreat took place in January, with the Hill Country Kolbe Team assisting the volunteers from the Diocese of Amarillo at the Clements Unit. This team brought their own supplies and equipment needed to conduct the retreat.

Amarillo Kolbe Core is now in the process of purchasing startup equipment and supplies needed. This team pays for the food and handouts given for the retreats, but the Core needs assistance in acquiring these necessary items.

Donations can be sent to:
Amarillo Kolbe Prison Ministry
P.O. Box 2
Amarillo, TX 79105

The Kolbe Prison Ministry is a 501(3)-C organization and all donations are charitable donations for tax purposes.

For additional information or to volunteer to be a team member on a Kolbe Retreat, please call Deacon Guerrero at 364-8432 or 346-1502; Deacon Andy Gonzalez at 463-0262; Kent Hoelting at 679-1725; or Tino Frausto at 220-6049.

St. Ann’s Catholic Church
26th Annual
Czech Sausage Dinner

Czech Sausage, Sauerkraut, Bread, Parsley Potatoes, Cobbler and all the trimmings!

Sunday, March 5
11:00am - 2:00pm

Parish Family Center
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DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE DCYC

Friday April 21
- 
Sunday 23
AMARILLO CIVIC CENTER

Friday Night
6:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday
9:00am – 11:00pm

Sunday
(Family Day)

Opening Prayer
9:00am - 11:00am

Family Mass
Liturgy with Bishop Patrick J. Zurek
11:00am

Wonderland Park
1:00pm - 7:00pm

For more information, contact: your parish youth minister or the Diocesan Youth Office at 806-383-2243 ext. 118
www.amarillodiocese.org/youth
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Supported by United Catholic Appeal
Seven students from St. Mary's Cathedral School earned awards during the 61st annual South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Lubbock Feb. 24-25.

Fourth grade student Alainna Bellino took the first place ribbon and medal in Biological Science. Bellino was also awarded the Tech St. Mary's Cathedral School, Amarillo, participated in the 61st annual South Plains Science and Engineering Fair Feb. 24-25 in Lubbock. Seven students captured awards at the fair. Front row, left to right, are fourth grade student Derrick Martin, fifth grade student Rachel Lane, fourth grade student Shannon Giacalone and fifth grade students Maggie Houlihan and Sophia Hall. (WTC Photo by Amanda McDonald, St. Mary’s Cathedral School, Amarillo)

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In fourth grade Physical Sciences, Shannon Giacalone earned a first place ribbon and medal. She also captured a trophy for finishing in third place in the overall competition. Derrick Martin also won a first place ribbon and medal and was presented the Engineering Innovation Award.

Rachel Lane won a first place ribbon and medal in fifth grade Biological Sciences. Madison Mirelez was also a first place ribbon and medal winner. She won first place honors in this category a year ago as a fourth grade student.

In fifth grade Physical Sciences, Sophia Hall claimed a first place ribbon and medal and left Lubbock with an Engineering Innovation trophy. Maggie Houlihan also won a first place ribbon and medal.

According to St. Mary’s extracurricular science instructor Geri Russell, there were nearly 600 students from grades three through twelve participating at the Science Fair, with 153 projects in the fifth grade Physical Science category alone.

Amarillo—Registration continues for the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC), aka Youth Rally 2017. This year’s rally is scheduled Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23 in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center at 401 South Buchanan.

Registration is $35 per person, or $45 per person at the door. The conference is open to all youths in grades 7-12, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman.

The theme of this year’s DCYC is “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

The conference will run from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on April 21 and from 9:00am to 11:00pm on April 22. A third day is being added to the conference this year, which will include a Family Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek on April 23 at 11:00am.

“It is time to come together in the Diocese of Amarillo to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as the young church,” said Guzman. “We invite you to get ready for an awesome time with God in fellowship with other youth, which will include motivational keynotes, workshops, Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop Patrick J. Zurek and the whole Diocese of Amarillo Assembly, a powerful time of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, all concluding with a good time at Wonderland Park.”

Scheduled speakers at the DCYC include Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Mary Gianna Thornby; best-selling Catholic author and international speaker Ruben Quezada; internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon; and, musician Bob Lesnfsky, aka, Righteous B.

Serving as the house band will be Jon Dooley and the St. Vincent de Paul Praise Band.

Additional information on the annual DCYC will be featured in The West Texas Catholic; on the diocesan website at www.amarilloydioce.org/youth; on diocesan social media; and, on St. Valentine Catholic Radio, 1360AM, KDJW.

For more information, please contact your parish youth minister or the Diocesan Youth Office at 383-2243, ext. 118.

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**Next Retreat:**

- **April 28-30**

- **Lubbock Area**

- Confidential contact: Kathy.krile@gmail.com

- (806) 577-5912

**Rachel’s Vineyard has helped me to move on with hope. When I met other women who had abortions and had suffered just the same as I had, I didn’t feel so alone anymore. The healing I experienced on the weekend was amazing and is still ongoing.**

- RV Retreatant
Pack Your Digital Bags For A Lenten Journey

Chicago (Extension)—This year during Lent, Catholic Extension—a national fundraising organization that builds churches and the church in America’s poorest places—invites the faithful to come along on a 40-day spiritual journey across the United States.

The spiritual journey, which began on Ash Wednesday, will culminate on Easter Sunday. Catholic Extension will take its followers on a digital immersion trip that will crisscross America and visit nine dioceses in remote and poor areas of the country. Each stop, from the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas to the Canadian border in Montana, will feature Catholic leaders who are transforming lives and communities through the power of Faith.

Nearly 1,000 people have already signed up to participate in the journey, which will allow for a deeper spiritual experience during the season of Lent by focusing on the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Participants will receive a weekly reflection written by an inspiring Catholic leader as well as stories that offer a glimpse into the truly transformational work being done in some of the most unexpected places of our country where the Catholic faith is thriving.

Those who wish to participate in the digital immersion trip can sign up to receive emails at http://catholicextension.org/lent.

Theology On Tap Set For Thursday, March 9

Amarillo—The next Theology on Tap session is scheduled Thursday, March 9 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at I Don’t Know Sports Bar and Grill at 1301 Southwest 6th Ave.

Theology on Tap is sponsored by the young adult offices at St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The monthly gatherings, now in its third year, takes place on the third Thursday of each month and admission is free. The March session will take place a week earlier than usual, to accommodate Spring Break.

For more information, contact Kelsey Matchen at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 376-7204 or Caleb Hubbard at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 358-2461.

U.S. Senators Discuss Trafficking, Immigration With Vatican Officials


Corker told reporters Feb. 24 that while modern slavery was the focus of his visit, with so much international attention on President Donald Trump’s executive orders on immigration, “certainly it came up. It was not stressed. We understand the pope has spoken very strongly about this issue.”

The senator said the United States and the Vatican have a “mutual interest in dealing with modern slavery,” a phenomenon involving some 27 million people; 24% of them, he said, are involved in forced prostitution, while the remaining 76% are subjected to “hard labor.”

Pope Francis repeatedly has highlighted the connection between restrictive immigration policies and the growth of human trafficking.

Annual Salt And Pepper Luncheon March 29

“\'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’” —Matthew 25:35

Amarillo—Amarillo police chief Ed Drain will be the keynote speaker for the 18th annual Salt and Pepper Luncheon, set for Wednesday, March 29 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

The annual luncheon, sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, will benefit the Catholic Charities Hunger Project. Tickets are $25.00 each for the luncheon and table sponsorships are also available, according to Jeff Guile, CCTXP executive director.

Chief Drain was appointed Interim Police Chief for the City of Amarillo in July 2016 and three months later was appointed Police Chief. He served in the Plano Police Department from 1994 to 2016 and was assistant chief for ten years. He owns certifications from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as an instructor and Master Police Officer.

Chief Drain retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel, with 24 years of active and reserve military service. He served in the U.S. Army as an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) officer. Chief Drain was recalled to active duty in 2004 and 2005, when he was assigned to the Third U.S. Army Corps in Iraq, where he was awarded a Bronze Star, among other military decorations.

Chief Drain’s wife, Linda, is an Assistant District Attorney with the 47th Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Amarillo.

For additional information on the Salt and Pepper Luncheon or to purchase tickets, please contact Guile at 376-4571 or go to the agency’s website, www.cctxp.org.

Please pray for much needed rain!

Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 29
Facilitated by Linda Astuto

Two Sessions: 2:30-5:30pm | 6:30-9:30pm
(attend one or both sessions/ $20 each)
Optional dinner: 5:30pm/ $10
Both Sessions + Dinner for $40

Session One- Emptying Your Cup:
Finding Peace Through Letting Go
The inspiration for this retreat comes from Joyce Rupp’s book, The Cup of Your Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth. We will use the cup to help us see what fills our lives, what we want to let go of and how we want to make more sacred time and space for God.

Session Two- Transitions:
Embracing Change as a Time of Grace
Transitions are as common as the sunrise and sunset, yet few can be prepared for the changes they cause. A transition is a time in life when many emotional, spiritual, financial, relational, or physical supports of daily life may be stripped away. Many people think they are going crazy! This retreat will help you to learn about transitions and how to honor the time and energy necessary for a healthy transition, as well as how to reflect on transition as an ongoing part of your spiritual journey.

Register online today or call 383-1811 during regular business hours. Registration deadline is Friday, March 24.

2100 North Spring, Amarillo | 383-1811 | www.bdrc.org
Amarillo—The tradition of excellence for the Speech and Debate Program at Holy Cross Catholic Academy continues.

For the fifth consecutive year, the school will be represented at the National Speech and Debate Tournament, which is set for Sunday, June 18 through Friday, June 23 in Birmingham, Ala.

Senior Nicholas Aranda and junior William Pena qualified for the second straight year for the national tournament at the National Speech and Debate Association’s (NSDA) Tall Cotton District Tournament, which took place Feb. 16-17 in Lubbock.

Aranda qualified in three events, but he had to select only one of those to compete in at the national tournament, so he chose US Extemporaneous Speaking. Pena was selected as a member of the Tall Cotton’s district’s World Schools Debate team, according to Father Robert A. Busch, Ph.D., HCCA Speech/Debate Coach.

Aranda was also named the district’s Student of the Year, enabling him to be considered for the NSDA’s National Student of the Year Award.

The NSDA district of which HCCA is a member, extends from the top of the Texas Panhandle down to San Angelo and over to Abilene, essentially comprising the Dioceses of Amarillo, Lubbock and San Angelo.

CYM Training Set For March 21

Amarillo—The next opportunity to attend Comprehensive Youth Ministry Training 101 is Tuesday, March 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Meeting Room C of the Conference Center at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th.

“Daylight Saving Time returns Sunday, March 12 at 3:00am. Before going to bed, be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour. Central Standard Time will return on Sunday, Nov. 5.”

Your diocesan website: www.amarillodiocese.org

Notice
Choir Mission... from page 1

- Praying as Musicians;
- Singing from a God-centered heart;
- Growing in Relationship to God; and,
- Learning to Pray Always.

Bob Hurd has served as a teacher, composer and liturgist in various pastoral and academic settings, including Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley and St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. He currently teaches in the Graduate Pastoral Ministries Program of Santa Clara University.

Hurd is also known as an early pioneer of bilingual and multilingual music, with compositions like Pan de Vida and Misa de las Américas. Hurd’s most recent collection was a collaborative project of bilingual music with Eleazar Cortés and Jaime Cortez entitled Gracia y Amor/Grace and Love.

Jaime Cortez is a talented and popular composer, arranger and performer. Born in New York and raised in El Salvador, he is fluent in Spanish and has dedicated a portion of his ministry to promoting better Hispanic liturgies and bringing cultures together for worship. Cortez owns a bachelor’s degree in music composition from Arizona State University. He was named Pastoral Musician of the Year in 2016 by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).

Cortez is best known for the songs Rain Down, Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ (with Bob Hurd), and Today Our Savior Is Born. He has released five solo collections with OCP, including Rain Down, Sacramentos, Advierto, Qué Alegría/I Rejoiced and Transformation, his latest.

Cost of the workshop is $20.00 per person for both workshops and lunch on March 25.

Please remember to save the date for the Sixth Annual

**Bishop’s Gala**

Friday May 5
Amarillo Country Club

6:30 pm Social Hour and 7:30 pm Dinner
Live Auction • Casino

Proceeds to benefit Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo
Meet A Parish Catechist
Name: Anna Rohrbach
Parish: Immaculate Conception, Vega
What Grades Do You Teach? High School (9th-12th)
How Long Have You Been Teaching Faith Formation? 16 years
Spouse’s Name: Joe Rohrbach
Children: Eric Rohrbach, Nicole Rohrbach and Brent Rohrbach
How did you get involved with Faith Formation at your parish?
“I began teaching when my children became active in our Faith Formation Classes. We drive 20 miles to attend class so it just seemed like the responsible thing to do. I was not going to drop my kids off and leave. I wanted to be active in their learning. Trust me when I say I have been the one that has learned through teaching!”

What is the most important aspect of Faith Formation you try to teach to your class? “I believe the most important aspect is teaching the kids how important it is to have a daily relationship with Jesus Christ.”

What is your philosophy when it comes to teaching Faith Formation? “I believe it is important to just be real—we all have flaws and stumble but it is important to keep our eyes and hearts focused on the end goal: Heaven.”

Hobbies: “To be honest, my hobbies are going to include anything my kids are involved with.”
Favorite Television Show: “Blue Bloods…you can’t get much better than Tom Selleck and his family’s Catholic morals and values.”
Favorite Book: “I don’t read much, but I am looking forward to reading A Small Town Girl…Stories of Success and Inspiration, which was edited by a local friend, Jodi Walker.”
If you could improve one aspect of how the Faith is taught, what would it be and why? “We need to get back to right from wrong, and black and white. We have allowed a corrupt society to infiltrate so many areas of our lives and we have to take a stand and be unified in our beliefs. Our kids are growing up in a very confused world and they need our guidance and direction.”

What advice would you give someone who is considering teaching Faith Formation? “I strongly encourage you to try it. I have learned so much and it has truly been a blessing!”

Tickets Available For Dumas Fundraiser
Dumas—The annual New Orleans Night, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #5061 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, is set for Saturday, April 1 at Willie’s Dance Hall, 826 North Dumas Ave.

Activities begin at 6:00pm with social hour, according to Council #5061 Grand Knight Dave Guevara, followed at 7:30 with a steak dinner with all the trimmings. There will be a Calcutta, with an opportunity to win a first prize of $5,000 cash. Second prize is $1,000 cash and third prize is $500 cash. The Calcutta will be followed at 9:00 with a dance, with music provided by Chad Beedy and Agave Posse.

Tickets are a suggested $50 per person donation or a table of eight for $400, which includes dinner, Calcutta and the dance. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the numerous charities supported by Knights of Columbus Council #5061, according to Guevara. VISA and MasterCard will be accepted at the door and a ticket will be required for entrance into the event. No one under the age of 21 will be admitted.

For more information, contact Bert Book at 806-341-2541, Guevara at 806-674-2009 or the parish office at Sts. Peter and Paul Church during regular business hours at 935-5002.

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12:30pm, Mass
5:30pm, Mass
6:30pm, Dinner
Mondays:
9:00am-6:00pm, Adoration
Free lunch at noon
Wednesdays:
4:30pm, Confession
5:30pm, Catholic U
6:30pm, Mass
7:00pm, Free Home-cooked Meal
7:30pm, Activity
Thursdays:
7:00pm, Rose Garden/Thorn Bush

Night Of Worship March 10
Amarillo—The Office of Charismatic Renewal and the Diocesan Youth Office will offer a Night of Worship Friday, March 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 at St. Joseph’s Church, 4122 South Bonham.

The evening is a multi-generational opportunity to praise, worship and love God, according to Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz and Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. The Night of Worship will include Praise, Testimony/Witness and Worship, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Ministry.

For additional information on the Night of Worship, please call Sister Lucy at 806-534-2312, ext. 110 or Oscar Guzman at 383-2243, ext. 118.

Final Opportunity To Take Trinity Course
Amarillo—The final opportunity to take the course on The Trinity, The Community of God, La Santísima Trinidad, Comunidad en Dios is Saturday, March 11, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 900 Bruce in Dumas, according to Sister María Elena Ferrer, SSND, coordinator of the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation.

Sister Marie André Miszewski, SSND, will facilitate the course in English and diocesan Seminarian Victor Andrade will facilitate the course in Spanish.

The Trinity course is the final of eight segments in a series of courses for the Faith Formation Basic Certification, which began its second go-round in the Fall of 2013 with Introduction to the Scriptures, followed by Prayer—The Four Types of Prayer; Morality; the Sacraments of Initiation; Sacraments of Healing; Ministry of Catechesis; and, The Liturgy/La Liturgia, which was offered last fall.

“There is no charge for this course,” said Sister Maria Elena. “All catechists in the Diocese of Amarillo who need this segment are expected to attend. We want to particularly encourage catechists who need this one segment to complete their basic certification to attend. We ask that participants bring a pen and pad and choose a date that is convenient to them. Make plans to attend this course and receive your certificate of attendance.”

For more information, please contact your parish DRE or Sister Maria Elena Ferrer, SSND, coordinator of the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-383-2243, ext. 113. Additional information can also be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org.

Thanks to all the men and women in the Diocese of Amarillo who serve as Catechists. May God abundantly bless each of you for your time, talent and treasure.
Adult Confirmation Retreat Set For April 8

Amarillo—Once again this year, the Diocese of Amarillo is offering adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation the opportunity to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament, according to Sister María Elena Ferrer, SSND, director of the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation.

“Each year, the Diocese of Amarillo offers adults who have received the Eucharist but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation the opportunity to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament, first of all, by contacting the parish pastor to obtain approval to receive instruction,” she said.

A person who wishes to be confirmed at the Diocesan Adult Confirmation is asked to do the following:

• Contact the pastor of your respective parish;
• Attend the Confirmation classes at the parish level (for those who are 17 years of age—not in the High School Program—or older and meet the criteria of the diocesan guidelines, as found in the document Information for the Sacrament of Confirmation, issued October 2016.
• Present the necessary documentation on the day of the retreat: (1) the completed form sent to the pastor with his signature and, (2) a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be conferred Saturday, April 22 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Detailed information will be given at the retreat.

The Confirmation Retreat at St. Mary’s Cathedral will take place April 8, with registration beginning at 9:15am; and, the completed form sent to the pastor with his signature and, (2) a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

“The Confirmation Retreat at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo, on Saturday, April 8, with registration beginning at 9:15am; and,

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“As each Confirmation candidate prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will have the opportunity to meet with a pastor or deacon for a one-to-one interview,” Father Gabriel Garcia, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Amarillo, said. “Come and hang out with other like-minded men in our diocese that are interested or are discerning a call to the priesthood. We hope to wrap up activities by 8:00.”

Evening Of Discernment Scheduled Tonight (Sunday)

Amarillo—Young men interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to a Evening of Discernment tonight (Sunday), beginning at 5:30 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

“We invite young men in the Diocese of Amarillo 18 and older to join us for pizza, fun and prayer,” said Father Gabriel Garcia, Vocations Director of the Diocese of Amarillo. “Come and hang out with other like-minded men in our diocese that are interested or are discerning a call to the priesthood. We hope to wrap up activities by 8:00.”

Centering Prayer Retreat March 10-12

Amarillo—Looking to do something special for Lent, while developing or deepening your prayer practice?

Consider attending a Centering Prayer Retreat.

The Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 2100 North Spring will offer a Centering Prayer Retreat Friday, March 10 through Sunday, March 12.

“Centering Prayer is a method of prayer that comes from the Christian Contemplative Tradition,” said BDRC executive director Linda Astuto. “It’s not so much what we do, but what the Holy Spirit does in us that is the gift of this practice. Please make plans to attend this weekend retreat and you will be renewed and refreshed in your faith.”

The Retreat will begin at 7:00pm on Friday, March 10 (check-in at 6:30pm) and conclude at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 12.

Cost of the retreat is $225 per person. For additional information or to register, please call the BDRC at 383-1811.

“It is love alone that gives worth to all things.”

—St. Teresa of Avila

St. Francis Catholic Church
59th German Sausage Dinner
Country Store • Raffles

Sunday, March 12
11:00am to 3:00pm

Adult meal tickets are $13.00, children’s tickets are $6.00 and kids six and under eat free.

Take-out meals will also be available for $13.00.

Uncooked sausage will be sold by the pound during the dinner. Contact Gerald Detten to place orders in advance at 382-8813.

St. Francis Parish Hall
(10 miles east of Amarillo off Hwy. 60) (1 mile east of Tyson)
We accept all other funeral home pre-arranged plans.
Called To A Holy Life: 
A Lenten Retreat

Monday, March 13 
 thru Wednesday, March 15
St. Martin de Porres Church
1507 North Adams
Amarillo

Monday, March 13: 
Baptismal Emphasis

Tuesday, March 14: 
Penitential Emphasis

Wednesday, March 15: 
Anointing for Healing

Father Williams will also preside at all 
three weekend Masses—
Saturday, March 11 at 6:00pm and 
Sunday, March 12 at 8:00am 
and 10:00am

For additional information about Called To A Holy Life: A Lenten Retreat, please call the parish office 
at St. Martin de Porres Church at 376-8771.
Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle

18th Annual Salt and Pepper Luncheon
Benefitting the Catholic Charities Hunger Project

Wednesday, March 29th  11:30 am–1:00 pm  St. Mary’s Cathedral

GUEST SPEAKER,

AMARILLO CHIEF OF POLICE ED DRAIN

Chief Drain was appointed as the Interim Police Chief for the Amarillo Police Department in July 2016, and as the Police Chief in October 2016. Chief Drain served in the Plano Police Department from 1994 – 2016, where he held the position of Assistant Chief for ten years. He holds certifications from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as an instructor and Master Peace Officer.

Chief Drain retired from the Army Reserves in 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel with 24 years of active and reserve military service. He served in the US Army as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) officer. He was recalled to active duty in 2004-2005 and assigned to the Third US Army Corps in Iraq where he was awarded a Bronze Star and other military decorations.

Chief Drain is a graduate of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) School of Police Supervision, and the School of Executive Leadership. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at Arlington, a Certification in Public Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Amberton University.

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35
Respect Life Banquet
Moved by Mercy
Sunday, March 19

Cecilia Abbott

The first Hispanic First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott’s story reminds everyone that the American Dream is alive and well in Texas. Abbott has been a teacher, vice-principal and principal at several Catholic schools across Texas. She studied at the University of Texas at Austin before subsequently earning three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, a Master’s degree in Education and a Master’s degree in Theology.

Mrs. Abbott believes strongly in giving back to our communities, and recently announced the launch of her Texanthropy Initiative, which she will use to promote volunteerism and service to others as her primary focus as First Lady of Texas. Catholic Extension honored Mrs. Abbott on Jan. 28 with its Spirit of Francis Award during an event in Houston.

$50/person $400/table of Eight
Amarillo Civic Center, HERITAGE ROOM
Social Hour 4:00pm, Banquet 5:00pm
Prime Rib Dinner by BIG TEXAN
Live and Silent Auctions
Fot Tickets or info contact RLM at (806) 414-1059

For More Information visit us at www.amarillodiocese.org/life
**Conversación con el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek**

**West Texas Catholic:** Obispo Zurek, por fin llegó el momento en que podemos tener la primera conversación en nuestro bello y nuevo Centro Pastoral Diocesano. Estamos tan agradecidos al gran número de benefactores cuya participación hizo de nuestro sueño una realidad.

**Obispo Patrick J. Zurek:** Los programas de cocina, dicen siempre que “sin huella-visión” no disfrutamos el aroma de la buena comida. Lástima que no tenemos televisión en este momento, porque me es difícil describir la belleza, la sencillez, la funcionalidad, lo espacioso de nuestro nuevo Centro Pastoral. Hemos estado aquí casi siete semanas; es asombroso cuánto se ha elevado el espíritu del personal. Ya no estamos en un lugar apretado y literalmente agrietado. Gracias a su amorosa generosidad y dedicación a Cristo y a Su Iglesia, nosotros—no sólo el personal—Nuestros, la Diócesis de Amarillo—obispo, sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, todos ustedes tan maravillosos laicos—tienen un nuevo hogar. Al lado este de la codicia del rico hizo de nuestro sueño una realidad. ¡Dios los bendiga por esto!

La liturgia del Miércoles de Ceniza al principiar la Cuaresma, nos invita a una experiencia muy similar a la del hombre rico. Usamos las palabras, “Recuerda que eres polvo y en polvo te convertirás”. Es interesante que la mayor parte de la parábola ocurre en el más allá. Nada traemos al mundo y nada nos llevamos del mundo. El hombre rico reconoció a Lázaro, lo vio sólo desde sus propios tormentos en el más allá. Quería que el pobre Lázaro aliviara su sufrimiento simplemente con una gota de agua en su lengua. ¡Qué ironía! Porque lo que el pide de Lázaro es similar a lo que él pudo haber hecho a Lázaro, por Lázaro, pero nunca lo hizo. El rico entonces pidió a Abraham que mandara a Lázaro a advertir a sus hermanos que aún estaban vivos y dijo, “Abraham, manda a Lázaro a ayudarme”. Pero Abraham le respondió que ellos tenían a Moisés y a los profetas, ellos tienen la palabra de Dios, “Que ellos los escuchen”.

**Conversación en la página 17**

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**Intenciones del Papa Francisco para 2017**

Por favor únanse a millones de personas del mundo entero que cada día rezan por las intenciones mensuales del Papa. Desde 1884 los miembros del Apostolado de Oración se han ofrecido a Dios por la salvación de almas, la Iglesia, las intenciones de todos los Apóstoles de Oración y las intenciones del Papa. El Santo Padre nos da dos intenciones cada mes—una es intención general y la otra es por las intenciones mundiales.

**Marzo:**
- **Ayudar a los cristianos perseguidos.** Por los cristianos perseguidos, para que experimenten el apoyo de toda la Iglesia, por medio de la oración y de la ayuda material.

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**Peregrinación a Portugal, España y Francia**

Acompañanos a celebrar los 100 años de las apariciones de la Virgen de Fátima visitando en peregrinación los principales santuarios de Portugal, España y Francia.

**Visite:**
- Lisboa, Fátima, Madrid, Salamanca, Coimbra, Alba de Tormes, Segovia, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Lisieux, París y mucho más...

Acompañados por el Padre Haider Quintero

12 días: junio 5-17, 2017. Sólo $3.794 por persona

Este precio incluye: pasaje aéreo ida y regreso desde Houston, impuestos, sobrecargos, hoteles de primera clase, desayunos y cenas, transporte en autobús de lujo, entradas a museos pagadas y visitas guiadas por profesionales, Misa diaria...

Para mayores informes llame al (806) 681-4251

¡El espacio es limitado. Reserve su cupo ya!
**Misa Crismal, el Martes, 11 de Abril**

Amarillo—La Misa anual del Crisma tendrá lugar el martes, 11 de abril a las 7:00pm en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur.

El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek invita a los fieles a asistir a la Misa Crismal y a mostrar su apoyo a los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Amarillo.

“Si usted apoya al sacerdote en su parroquia, venga a la Misa Crismal y apoye a todos los sacerdotes”, dijo el Obispo Zurek.

Durante la Misa Crismal se bendicen los Óleos de los Catecúmenos, de los Enfermos y el Crisma. Los sacerdotes de la diócesis concelebrarán con el Obispo Zurek y renovarán su promesa al ministerio ordenado.

El Crisma es una mezcla de aceite y bálsamo que se utiliza en unciones litúrgicas; los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Confirmación y Santos Órdenes; la bendición de un altar, y en épocas antiguas se utilizaba en la coronación de reyes.

Su simbolismo es real como también lo es sacerdotal, y por lo tanto, es propio para el sacerdocio real de todos los cristianos y del sacerdocio jerárquico del Orden. Hubo un tiempo en el que el óleo debía ser de oliva pero ahora se permite el vegetal, de grano o de coco si es difícil o muy costoso obtener óleo de oliva.

Para quien no pueda asistir a la Misa Crismal el 11 de abril, la Misa se transmitirá en vivo por Radio San Valentín, 1360AM, JDJW, o por internet en www.kdjw.org a partir de las 6:50pm.

**Instrucción de Planificación Familiar Natural**

- En el Decanato Sur las sesiones del Método para Ovulación serán a las 9:00am el sábado, 6 de mayo en la Iglesia San Juan Nepomuceno, calle 7 #312 en Hart. Para más información, llamen a Lupe Morales, 938-2665.
- En el Decanato Central las sesiones en español serán los sábados, 8 de abril y 30 de septiembre a las 10am en la Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento, calle 25 #4112 Sureste. Los instructores serán Nickolas y Lilia Robles. Para indagar más, llamen a los Robles, 220-7179.

**Poderosa Oración de San Patricio de Irlanda**

Cristo conmigo, Cristo delante de mí, Cristo detrás de mí, Cristo en mí, Cristo bajo mí, Cristo sobre mí, Cristo a mi derecha, Cristo a mi izquierda, Cristo alrededor de mí. Cristo en la anchura, Cristo en la longitud, Cristo en la altura, Cristo en la boca de todos los que hablan de mí, Cristo en el corazón y la mente de todos los hombres que piensan en mí, Cristo en la boca de todos los que hablan de mí, Cristo en todo ojo que me ve, Cristo en todo oído que me escucha.

**Calendario de Jamaicas**

Las Iglesias, Escuelas y Entidades Católicas pueden enviar email a westtexascatholic@gmail.com para anunciar jamaicas, comidas y eventos como servicio público. Si no se indica otro local, los eventos tendrán lugar en sus parroquias.

**DOMINGO MARZO 5**
- **Canyon**—26ª Comida Anual de Salchicha Checa, Iglesia Saint Ann
- **Friona**—Comida Mexicana Anual, Iglesia Santa Teresa de Jesús
- **Pampa**—65ª Salchicha Polaca a beneficio del Consejo #2767 de Caballeros de Colón de la Iglesia San Vicente de Paul, salón Columbus Home Association

**DOMINGO MARZO 12**
- **Amarillo**—Salchicha Alemana anual, Iglesia Saint Francis of Assisi

**SÁBADO, ABRIL 1**
- **Dumas**—Fiesta Anual estilo Nueva Orleans a beneficio del Consejo #5061 de Caballeros de Colón de la Iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo, Willie's Dance Hall
- **DOMINGO, ABRIL 2**
- **Borger**—Comida anual de Espagueti de la Iglesia San Juan Evangelista
- **DOMINGO, ABRIL 23**
- **Clarendon**—Comida Anual de Barbacoa de la Iglesia Santa María en su Salón Parroquial

**SÁBADO ABRIL 29**
- **Amarillo**—Recaudación Anual Boots and Bling, Catedral Santa María

**VIERNES, MAYO 5**
- **Amarillo**—6ª Gala Anual con el Obispo, Amarillo Country Club

**DOMINGO, MAYO 7**
- **Amarillo**—Carnaval Anual de la Iglesia San José

**DOMINGO, MAYO 21**
- **Amarillo**—Comida Anual de Pollo y Pavo, Iglesia de San Martín de Porres

**DOMINGO JUNIO 4**
- **Dalhart**—Jamaica Anual a beneficio de la Iglesia San Antonio de Padua, Parque del Lago Rita Blanca

**DOMINGO JUNIO 11**
- **Tulia**—Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia Holy Spirit

**SÁBADO JULIO 8**
- **Nazareth**—Festival Anual de Salchicha Alemana de la Iglesia Holy Family

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Se aclaró el verdadero problema del rico. No hizo caso a la palabra de Dios. A eso es lo que el Santo Padre nos llama. A darnos tiempo durante esta Cuaresma. Es un tiempo dedicado al crecimiento espiritual, para ver nuestra faltas y corregirlas con la gracia de Dios. Que la Palabra de Dios en su riqueza, entre en nosotros y cambie nuestros corazones. Que el tiempo de Cuaresma sea para nosotros tiempo de conversión para que podamos llegar a la Pascua renovados. Que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo favorable para renovar nuestro encuentro con Cristo, un encuentro que venga en la palabra de Dios cuando la contemplamos, en los sacramentos al recibirlos y reflexionar sobre ellos, y en nuestro próximo, especialmente en los necesitados.

Ruego que su Cuaresma sea santa, que sea significativa y que la tomen en serio. No pidan que se les dispense su ayuno y abstinencia de carne. Tomen en verdad la Cuaresma por lo que es: un instrumento de sanación y de cambio de corazón.

**Oración por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales en la Diócesis de Amarillo**

¡Oh Jesús, Pastor Eterno de las almas¡ Dígnate mirar con ojos de misericordia a nuestra parroquia para renovar su fervor y que esta parroquia festeje juntos el mensaje de Jesucristo para que se renueve el espíritu de los sacerdotes dándoles la gracia de Dios. ¡Oh Jesús, danos sacerdotes según tu corazón! Amén.

**Favor de recordar en sus oraciones al clero de la Diócesis de Amarillo fallecidos durante el mes de marzo:**

- Obispo Rudolph A. Gerken, Marzo 2, 1943
- Padre F. J. Herkert, Marzo 9, 1947
- Diácono Jim Clements, Marzo 13, 2015
- Padre James J. Lewis, C.M., Marzo 18, 1945
- Padre William M. Stack, C.M., Marzo 20, 1979
- Padre Patrick Hoffman, Marzo 20, 2005
- Diácono Joe Ortega, Marzo 21, 2014
- Obispo Leroy T. Matthiesen, Marzo 22, 2010
- Obispo John J. Morkovsky, Marzo 24, 1990
- Padre Theodore W. Nuss, Marzo 26, 1986
- Diácono Robert C. Keller, Marzo 26, 1992
- Diácono Chuck Kimball, Marzo 28, 1986
- Diácono Tony Garza, Marzo 29, 1992
- Padre Brendan Sherry, Marzo 30, 2011
Retiro para Confirmación de Adultos

Amarillo—“Cada año la Diócesis de Amarillo ofrece a los adultos que ya recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación la oportunidad de prepararse para recibirlo”, dijo la directora de la Oficina Diocesana de Formación en la Fe, Hermana María Elena Ferrer, SSND.

A las personas que deseen ser confirmadas este año en la Confirmación Diocesana de Adultos, se les pide hacer lo siguiente:
- Contactar al pastor de sus respectivas parroquias;
- Asistir a las clases de Confirmación en su parroquia (para mayores de 17 años que no están en el programa de high school para el mismo fin y que califican según las normas diocesanas que se explican en el Libro de Formación en la Fe, expedido en octubre de 2016).
- Asistir al Retiro de Confirmación en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur, el sábado, 8 de abril a partir de las 9:15am;
- Presentar los documentos necesarios en el día del retiro:
  1. el formulario ya contestado y firmado por su pastor,
  2. una copia de su Fe de Bautismo;
- El Retiro de Confirmación se ofrecerá en español y en inglés en la Catedral Santa María el 8 de abril y empezará a las 9:15am. Todos los candidatos deben asistir a este retiro, informó la Hna. María Elena. El retiro terminará con la Misa que el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek celebrará a las 4:00pm.
- Para más información contacte al pastor de su respectiva parroquia.

Viacrucis En Vivo y Bilingüe el Viernes Santo

Amarillo—La Parroquia de San Lorenzo invita al público a participar en el Viacrucis en Vivo y Bilingüe que tendrá lugar el Viernes Santo, 14 de abril a partir de las 3:00pm, dijo el Padre Felipe Álvarez, OFM.

Empieza con procesión que se iniciará frente al Monasterio Capuchino, calle 18 #4201 Noreste. Parroquianos de San Lorenzo interpretarán a los diferentes protagonistas.

Del Monasterio Capuchino la procesión irá hacia el Oeste por la calle 18 Noreste y dará vuelta hacia el Norte en la calle Hill hasta llegar a la calle 22 Noreste; de allí irá hacia el Este y terminará en la Iglesia San Lorenzo, calle Spring 2300 Norte.

“Este evento poderoso relata la historia del Triduo”, dijo el Padre Álvarez. “Animamos a todos los fieles en la Diócesis de Amarillo a que hagan planes para poder venir y participar”.

Para más información llamen a la oficina parroquial de San Lorenzo, 383-2261.

Noche Anual Estilo Nueva Orleans en Dumas, Abril 1

Dumas—La Noche Anual estilo Nueva Orleans patrocina el Consejo #5061 de Caballeros de Colón de la Iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo tendrá lugar el sábado, 1 de abril en Willie’s Dance Hall, Dumas Avenue 826 Norte.

Empezará a las 6:00pm con hora social, informó el Gran Caballero del Consejo #5061, Dave Guevara. Habrá cena de bistec a las 7:30. Tendrá un sorteo de Calcuta con premios en efectivo: primero $5,000; segundo $1,000 y tercero, $500. A las 9:00 habrá baile con la música de Chad Beedy and Agave Posse.

Para la admisión sugieren donativo de $50 por persona o $400 por mesa para ocho, lo que incluirá la cena, Calcuta y baile. La ganancia de la fiesta beneficiará a las numerosas caridades que apoyan los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #5061, dijo Guevara. Aceptarán VISA y MasterCard aún a la entrada y se requiere boleto para entrar al evento. No se admitirán menores de 21 años.

Para indagar detalles llame a Bert Cook, 806-341-2541; a Guevara, 806-674-2009; o a la oficina parroquial de San Pedro y San Pablo, 935-5002 durante horas de oficina.

Ministerio de Oración “El Sembrador”

Amarillo—El Ministerio de Oración El Sembrador, de la parroquia San Lorenzo, calle Spring 2300 Norte, se reúne cada martes a las 7:30pm en el Salón Santa Rosa de Lima de la misma parroquia. Invitan a todos los fieles a sus Asambleas de Oración en las que se comparte la palabra de Dios, alabanza y oración y se hace oración por los enfermos y por sus necesidades. También ofrecen cuidado de niños.

Para más información, favor de llamar a la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, 383-2261.

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**Amarillo**—El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek celebrará el Rito de Elección y Llamado a Continuar en Conversión este domingo a las 2:30pm en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Todos los participantes en el Rito de Elección y Llamado a Continuar en Conversión deben estar en la Catedral Santa María antes de la 1:30pm para recibir las instrucciones finales, dijo la Hna. María Elena Ferrer, SSND, Coordinadora de Formación en la Fe para la Diócesis de Amarillo.

**Comida en Friona**  
**Friona**—La Sociedad de Damas de la Iglesia Santa Teresa de Jesús tendrá su Comida Mexicana Anual este domingo de 11:00am a 2:00pm en el salón parroquial anexo a la iglesia, calle 17 #401 Oeste. Servirán platillos de enchiladas, taco, frijoles, arroz, chips, salsa y postre a adultos por $12.00 y a niños de 10 años y menores por $6.00.

**Comida en Pampa**  
**Pampa**—La 65ª Comida Anual de Salchicha Polaca que sirven los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #2767 de la Iglesia San Vicente de Paúl será este domingo de 11:00am a 2:00pm en el Salón salón Columbus Home Association, calle Cuyler 318 Norte.

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**Comida en Ensenada**  
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**Espagueti en Borger**  
**Borger**—La 62ª Comida Anual de Albónigidas Italianas en Espagueti a beneficio de la Iglesia San Juan Evangelista será el domingo, 2 de abril de 11:00am a 5:00pm en el gimnasio de la escuela, calle St. John’s Road 201. Adquiera boletos por adelantado, adultos $9.00 y niños $5.00. El día de la comida los boletos de adulto costarán $10.00. Habrá platillos para llevar. Para indagar más llamen al Padre Héctor J. Madrigal a la Iglesia San José, 355-5621.

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**Visitó al Nuevo Centro Pastoral**  
**Amarillo**—El último Día de Visitas Púlblicas al nuevo Centro Pastoral de la Diócesis de Amarillo serán esta domingo de 2:00pm a 6:00pm. El nuevo Centro Pastoral está ubicado en la calle 24 Noreste #4512. El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek bendijo y dedicó el nuevo edificio el 25 de febrero.

**Necesitamos Músicos**  
**Amarillo**—Buscamos músicos de habla hispana para el concierto de inauguración de la Misión Coral de OCP el jueves, 23 de marzo en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Para indagar más llamaen al Padre Héctor J. Madrigal a la Iglesia San José, 355-5621.

**Fechas de Cursillos 2017**  
**Amarillo**—Ya se confirmaron las fechas para los Cursillos de 2017, informó Tania González, Directora Laica del Movimiento del Cursillo en la Diócesis de Amarillo. El Cursillo #563 para mujeres será del jueves 27 al domingo 30 de abril. El Cursillo #564 para hombres será del jueves 10 al domingo 13 de agosto. Los dos fines de semana de Cursillo tendrán lugar en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. El Cursillo se presenta por completo en español, informó González y recomienda que quienes participen hablen el español para captar el mensaje que se presenta. Para más información sobre el Movimiento de Cursillo, llamen a González, 678-9162.

**Encuentro de Prometidos**  
**Amarillo**—Las parejas en la Diócesis de Amarillo que planean casarse en los próximos tres a seis meses debieran asistir al segundo fin de semana de Engaged Encounter 2017 el sábado 20 y domingo 21 de mayo en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. Para más detalles sobre el Encuentro de Prometidos llamen a Molly Villegas en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 383-2243 ext. 116.

**Reserven la Fecha 2**  
**Amarillo**—La Conferencia Anual 5 de Formación en la Fe para catequistas, líderes parroquiales y padres de familia será el sábado, 5 de agosto en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Pronto habrá más información en el West Texas Catholic en el sitio, www.amarillodiocese.org o por la Radio Católica San Valentín, 1360AM, KDJW.

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First Person Account: Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Rick and Bev Feller were married five years when Bev first heard an advertisement about Worldwide Marriage Encounter on the radio. It said, “Spend a weekend away from the job, the kids, the chores and all the distractions to concentrate on your marital relationship.” They had a good marriage, but with three small children and Rick working long hours to make ends meet, she felt the “excitement” in their marriage was slipping away, so she asked Rick to attend the upcoming weekend with her.

They experienced their Marriage Encounter Weekend in May 1977 (40 years ago) and they still remember it as if it was yesterday.

“The presentations helped us to steer our conversations away from our daily routines and the kids, and brought our focus back to US—our lives, and our desires, hopes and dreams of our future,” said Bev Feller. “It helped us understand God’s plan for our marriage and to realize that He gives us continuous love again on that weekend and keeping our relationship our number one priority. We fell deeply in love again on that weekend and our relationship has been growing closer ever since.”

Their Marriage Encounter Weekend had such an impact on their lives that they felt called to share their love with others since their Weekend. They became involved with many functions of Marriage Encounter, as well as several other marriage-related ministries as Church parishioners. In August 2007, they experienced an Annivers-ary Marriage Encounter Weekend in Amarillo, which sparked their desire to enhance the marriages of couples in Amarillo. They have worked with the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center to coordinate and present Weekends since 2011, as an outreach of the Oklahoma Marriage Encounter Community.

The next Amarillo Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place Friday, March 31, beginning at 7:30pm through 4:30pm on Sunday, April 2 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. Married couples of all faiths are encouraged to attend, whether they are married a short time, or a very long time.

Priests and religious are also encouraged to attend, to strengthen their relationship with God and the people they serve (their application fees are waived). For more information about the Weekend, contact Tung and Nanette Nguyen, at 505-400-0617 or 505-463-0261, or via email, nguyenswwme@outlook.com.

The application fee for attending this Weekend is $100 per couple, and may be submitted through Sunday, March 19. Space is limited, so early applications are encouraged. As an incentive to apply early, a $25 discount is being offered for applications received by today (Sunday—please use Promo Code: “Early Bird”, if applying online).

 Couples, priests and religious may apply online at http://www.meAmarillo.org, or you may mail your name, address, phone number, email address and wedding date to Rick and Bev Feller, 6309 S. Frisco Rd, Mustang, OK 73064. The Fellers may also be contacted at 405-323-9119, or via email, rbfeller@gmail.com.

Thanks for reading The West Texas Catholic

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Amarillo—An opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been scheduled for the Central Deanery.

Priests from the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Amarillo will be available on Tuesday, March 28, beginning at 7:00pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

“The evening will begin with a General Meditation, followed by an Examination of Conscience in the Sanctuary,” said Father Hector J. Madrigal, pastor of St. Joseph’s Church, Amarillo and Dean of the Amarillo Deanery. “Priests will be available, in the Sanctuary or in assigned, private areas throughout the Cathedral to hear Confessions.

“It’s part of our Lenten observance, giving up scheduled meetings, social events and free time to spend together in church waiting for you to experience the mercy and love of the Lord through this Sacrament.”

Centering Prayer Retreat

Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 12

Do something special for Lent this year and de-velop or deepen your prayer practice. Centering prayer is a method of prayer that comes from the Christian Contemplative Tradition. It is not so much what we do, but what the Holy Spirit does in us that is the gift of this practice. Plan to attend this weekend retreat and you will be renewed and refreshed in your faith.

Retreat
Friday March 10 7:00pm – Sunday 3:00pm
(registration is Friday at 6:30pm)

Cost: $225

Registration deadline: Monday, March 6

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The Diocesan Calendar

Please check the diocesan calendar at: www.amarillodiocese.org/calendar.html to avoid scheduling conflicts.

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Lenten Women’s Prayer Brunch March 11

Amarillo—Wednesday, March 8 is the deadline to purchase advance tickets to the next Prayer Brunch, sponsored by Amarillo Rejoicers.

The brunch, a Lenten Women’s Prayer Brunch, is set for Saturday, March 11 from 9:45am to 11:30am at the Amarillo Club on the 30th floor of the Chase Towers at 600 South Tyler.

In addition to brunch, the morning will include prayer and worship, testimony and teaching as well as individual prayer for those in need, according to Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery.

Once again this year, the Prayer Brunch is a ticketed event, according to Dr. Meganne Walsh. Tickets are $15.00 each and can be purchased in one of three ways:

• At Top of Texas Catholic Superstore in the Signature at 2500 South Coulter;
• Through the U.S. mail by sending a check for $15.00 to Norma Frausto, 3801 South Roberts, Amarillo, 79118. Please make checks out to M. Walsh MD; or,
• Online at www.facebook.com/amarillo.rejoicers.

Tickets purchased through the U.S. mail or online can be picked up the day of the brunch at a will call table. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tickets for the final brunch for the 2016-17 school year on Saturday, May 13 can also be purchased during the March 11 brunch.

Lenten Retreat Scheduled March 31-April 1

Amarillo—Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S., Ignatian Certified Retreat Director, Radio Host and Author will conduct a Parish Lenten Retreat Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 in Bishop Zurek Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2500 South Bolton.

The retreat will run from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on March 31 and from 9:30am to 4:00pm on April 1. Lunch will be included on April 1. For additional information, please call the parish office at 374-1132 or Juan and Saharay Regalado at 21-0914.
National Council of Catholic Women Celebrates 97 Years Of Serving The Church And Communities

Arlington, Va. (NCCW)—The National Council of Catholic Women, established by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, celebrated its 97th year of serving the Church and communities since its founding on March 4, 1920.

Historic milestones in the NCCW history include:
- A White House reception for delegates from the first NCCW Convention in 1921;
- An address by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the 1954 Convention in Boston;
- Mother Teresa’s first trip to the United States to speak at the 1960 NCCW Convention in Las Vegas; and,

Today, NCCW continues its long-standing tradition as Catholic leaders at the intersection of Church and society by providing resources that answer the most pressing issues facing society today—human trafficking, domestic violence, pornography, evangelization and temporary care giving through the Respite program.

In response to the increase in numbers of women seeking to enter religious orders, a Vocation Purse Club was established to provide financial aid to women seeking this vocation.

“During our 97 years of existence, NCCW has promoted solutions to current societal concerns by developing programs or volunteering to serve those with needs,” said NCCW president Sheila Hopkins.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops created the National Council of Catholic Women to give women a unified voice; a program of service and a vehicle for collaboration. NCCW’s mission is to act through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

For more information on resources or membership, go to the website at www.nccw.org.

Please pray for much needed rain!

Mary Jo Monroe: 1937-2017

Amarillo—Mary Jo Monroe, who served as executive director of Amarillo Agency for Women for many years, passed away Feb. 19. She was 80 years old.

Mass was celebrated Feb. 24, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Scott L. Raef, rector and Monsignor Harold Waldow, concelebrating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mary Jo Peters was born on Jan. 20, 1937 in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Leola and Joseph T. Peters. She grew up in the Hereford area and later graduated from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education.


Initially a teacher, Mrs. Monroe’s true passion was Amarillo Agency for Women, where she worked tirelessly as executive director. Monroe devoted her professional life to advocating for the unborn, always going the extra mile for those in need, especially young mothers. She retired from the agency shortly before her passing.

According to her family, Mrs. Monroe truly believed that every person was a child of God and every person should be treated as a child of God. She enjoyed her family, gardening and watching her grandchildren’s activities and accomplishments.

A member of St. Mary’s Cathedral, Mrs. Monroe lived a devoted spiritual life. She attended daily Mass and was a Holy Communion Minister. She also participated in Perpetual Adoration and numerous volunteer ministries. She especially loved arranging the flowers that decorated the chapel.

Mrs. Monroe was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allen; a sister; and a brother.

Survivors include three sons, John Monroe and his wife Laura of Keene, NY; Joseph Monroe and his wife Donna; and James Monroe and his wife Amy, all of Amarillo; three daughters, Ann Marie Monroe of Amarillo, Mary Margaret Monroe of Dallas and Michelle Gutierrez and her husband Michael Gutierrez of Katy; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Matt, Bethany and Morgan Monroe, Anna and Emily Monroe and Reaghan and Sloane Gutierrez; and seven siblings, Frank Peters and his wife Mary Kay, Fred Bubeck, Danny Peters and his wife Pam, Gerri Peters, Mark Peters and Judy Swirczynski.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Amarillo
Lenten Retreat At St. Martin de Porres Church

Amarillo—Dominican priest Father Richard B. “R.B.” Williams of Houston will conduct a Lenten Retreat Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15 at St. Martin de Porres Church, 1507 NE 15th Street.

The theme of the Retreat is Called to A Holy Life: A Lenten Retreat. Presentations will begin each evening at 7:00.

The opening evening of the retreat will have a Baptismal Emphasis.

Bilingual Living Way Of The Cross Set For Good Friday

Amarillo—St. Laurence Church invites the public to participate in a Bilingual Living Way of the Cross, which will take place on Good Friday, April 14, beginning at 3:00pm, according to Father Felipe Alvarez, OFM.

Activities will begin with a procession in front of the Capuchin Monastery at 4201 NE 18th. Parishioners from St. Laurence will interpret the different roles.

From the Capuchin Monastery, the procession will move westward on NE 18th Street, turning north on Hill Street, then east on NE 22nd Street before concluding at St. Laurence Church, 2300 N. Spring.

“This is a powerful event that tells the story of the Triduum,” said Father Alvarez. “We encourage everyone in the Diocese of Amarillo to make plans to join us and participate.”

For more information, call the parish office at St. Laurence Church, 383-2261.

Banquet... from page 1

Mrs. Abbott believes strongly in giving back to our communities, and recently announced the launch of her Texandrophy Initiative, which she will use to promote volunteerism and service to others as her primary focus as First Lady of Texas.

The evening will also include Silent and Live Auctions. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to donate items for the Silent and Live Auctions, contact Frausto at 383-2243, ext. 129, or 678-4673.

Tickets for the Respect Life Banquet can be purchased in one of three ways:

• Through the diocesan Respect Life Office at www.amarillodiocese.org/rinfevents;
• From any Knights of Columbus Council in the Diocese of Amarillo; or,
• Any parish in the Diocese of Amarillo.

“God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.”

—St. Jerome Emiliani

Two Advocacy Training Sessions Scheduled

Amarillo—Two opportunities for Advocacy Training, part of Comprehensive Youth Ministry 101, has been scheduled in the Diocese of Amarillo, according to Oscar Guzman, Diocesan Youth Director.

The dates are:

• Monday, March 20, 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the East Deanery at St. John the Evangelist Church, 201 St. John’s Road, Borger; and,
• Saturday, April 1, 10:00am to noon for the South Deanery at St. Anthony’s Church, 115 North 25 Mile Ave., Hereford.

According to Guzman, Pastors, Associate Pastors, Deacons, Youth Ministers Coordinators, Prospective Youth Ministry Leaders, Directors of Religious Information, Youth Ministry Teams (Volunteers) and Youth Ministry Leaders (Quinceañera, RCIA, Liturgy etc.) are invited to take part in these training sessions.

“These Advocacy Training sessions will interpret the needs of youth and their families, especially the social problems facing them and acting with or on behalf of youth and their families for a change in the systems (policies, procedures, programs) which create or contribute to the social problems, while inviting them to address the social problems that they face,” said Guzman.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP eight days prior to each training session by calling Guzman at 383-2243, ext. 118.

Additional information can also be found at www.amarillodiocese.org/ diocesan-youth-ministry-training.

Lenten Meals, Fish Fries

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10
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Canyon—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7840 in the parish hall at St. Ann’s Church, 605 38th Street. Serving time is 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Next Pax et Bonum Evening: March 6

Panhandle—It’s an evening of fun, prayer and fellowship.

The next Pax et Bonum evening, hosted by the School Sisters of St. Francis is set for Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Sancta Maria Convent, 119 Franciscan Way.

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Good), is an opportunity for the School Sisters of St. Francis to share the beauty of Franciscan Spirituality and a taste of the prayer life that helps to keep them grounded and centered in Christ, according to Sister Mary Ana Steele.

“Peace and joy are the central components of the Franciscan charism,” she said. “Pax et Bonum is the traditional Franciscan wel-

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10
Amarillo—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1450 in the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. Serving time is 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Adult plates are $10.00 and plates for senior citizens and children six to twelve are $9.00. Children under six eat free. Proceeds from the meal will benefit Knights of Columbus charities and programs. Learn more by calling the Cathedral office at 376-7204.

Canyon—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7840 in the parish hall at St. Ann’s Church, 605 38th Street. Serving time is 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

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Prayer for a Seminarian

Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, hear our prayers for this good man, in whose heart you have planted the call to follow you.

Make him a shepherd after your own heart, a priest of gentle mercy and grace, a fervent preacher of the truth whose joy is found in embracing your Cross.

Make him holy, draw him close to you and open his heart to hear your voice.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oración por un Seminarista

Señor Jesucristo, nuestro sumo sacerdote, escucha nuestra oración por este buen hombre, en cuyo corazón tú has sembrado la invitación a seguirte.

Haz de él un pastor según tu propio corazón, un sacerdote misericordioso y lleno de tu gracia, un ferviente predicador de la verdad cuya alegría se encuentra en tomar tu Cruz.

Santificalo, acércalo a ti y abre su corazón para escuchar tu voz.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Preparing men today to become your parish priests tomorrow.

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood and need further information,
Jesse Benitez, right, was presented the St. George Medal during a Feb. 19 Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral by Deacon Robert Smith, left. The St. George Medal is the highest Catholic medal given to an adult in the Boy Scouts Program. The award recognizes outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic Youth in the program. According to Tyson Berryman, Committee Chair for Troop #1221, Benitez served as the cub master at St. Mary’s for many years and encouraged numerous boys in the program to pursue their religious medals. (WTC Photo)

“The thank you to all teachers: education is an important mission that draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true.”

—Pope Francis

A Prayer For Religious Liberty

Almighty God, Father of all nations,  
for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus  
(Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,  
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the  
common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote  
our liberties;

By your grace may we have the courage to defend  
them, for ourselves and for all those who live in  
this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary  
Immaculate, our patroness  and in the name of  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live  
and reign, One God forever and ever.

Amen.

Jamaica Schedule

Parishes planning Jamaica celebrations, parish dinners, parish celebrations and parish fundraisers are encouraged to email information about these celebrations to westtexascatholic@gmail.com. These dates are published as a public service. Unless otherwise noted, the celebrations will take place at the parish.

TODAY (SUNDAY)

Canary—26th annual Czech Sausage Dinner, St. Ann’s Church
Friona—Annual Mexican Dinner, St. Teresa of Jesus Church
Pampa—65th annual Polish Sausage Dinner, Columbus Home Association, aka, Knights of Columbus Hall, Pampa

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Amarillo—59th annual German Sausage Dinner, St. Francis of Assisi Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Dumas—Annual New Orleans Night to benefit Knights of Columbus Council #5061 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Willie’s Dance Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Borger—62nd annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. John the Evangelist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Clarendon—Annual St. Mary’s Day Barbecue Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Mary’s Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Amarillo—Annual Boots and Bling Fundraiser, St. Mary’s Cathedral

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Amarillo—Annual Bishop’s Gala, Amarillo Country Club

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Umbarger—Annual Frühlingsfest, St. Mary’s Church

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Amarillo—Annual Festival, St. Joseph’s Church

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Amarillo—Annual Turkey and Chicken Dinner, St. Martin de Porres Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Dalhart—Annual Jamaica, to benefit St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rita Blanca Lake Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Tulia—Annual Jamaica, Church of the Holy Spirit

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Nazareth—45th Annual German Sausage Festival, Holy Family Church

Council Contacts by Romilda Friemel

The theme for the National Conference of Catholic Women (NCCW) for 2017 is Catholic Women: Living the Joy of the Gospel. Our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is considering following NCCW in working under three commissions, with the remaining three acting as committees under them to continue all programs.

Teresa Sarzynski will be running for the office of National Secretary this year. Voting will take place Monday, May 15 through Thursday, June 15. Individual members have a vote as does each parish affiliate. To become an individual member contact your parish president:

NCCW
200 North Glebe Rd #725
Arlington, VA 22203

Membership is $50. Members receive Catholic Woman magazine, the monthly NCCW Connect e-newsletter and are eligible to vote in national elections and at the annual Business Meeting.

Spring Deeney meeting dates have been set. The Central Deeney will gather Saturday, March 25 at Immaculate Conception Church, Vega. St. Mary’s Church, Clarendon, will host the East Deeney meeting on Saturday, April 29. The South Deeney is in the process of finalizing a meeting date.

The Hats Off fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 17 at St. Hyacinth Church, Amarillo. The DCCW Summer board meeting is set for Saturday, June 24 in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo.

Those who have not turned in their individual Works of Mercy are asked to please contact your parish president for the form. NCCW has collected 1,935,000 so far, while the Diocese of Amarillo has submitted 5,025.

The National Convention for the NCCA will be at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Friday, Sept. 9. Make plans to attend to meet fellow Catholic ladies from across the U.S. You will be so blessed.

The 81st annual DCCW Convention will take place Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21 at the new Catechetical Center and Parish Hall at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Groom.

The DCCW mourns with the Monroe family on the passing of Mary Jo Monroe, a very special lady (please see her obituary on page 21). We wish her peace and rest in Christ.

Last Call For Golden Jubilees

Amarillo—Calling married couples celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries...

The West Texas Catholic is seeking couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries who were joined in marriage between Jan. 1, 1967 and March 31, 1967.

“We would like to honor these couples in our next issue, dated Sunday, March 19,” said WTC editor Chris Albracht. “Couples can send us a current photo or their wedding photo, along with their names and the date and location of their wedding.”

Photos can be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com or via regular mail to: P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117. Couples mailing their photos are asked to include a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned after the issue date. Couples are also asked to put their name, address, phone number and email address on the back of their photo, preferably on a Post-It-Note. The deadline to submit photos and information is Thursday, March 9.

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Retreat Center Activities
Amarillo—The public is invited to join the weekly Contemplative Prayer Group every Tuesday afternoon from noon to 1:30 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. The Retreat Center will host the opening of the Gallery at DeFalco on Wednesday, March 8, showcasing PSAs 2017, entries from the Panhandle Student Invitational Art Show from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Learn more by calling Linda Astuto at the BDRC, 383-1811 or go online to www.bdrc.org.

Communion Ministers Needed
Amarillo—Communion Ministers are needed for the Northwest Texas Hospital and possibly at Baptist St. Anthony’s to help serve the patients and families with support and Communion. If interested, please contact either Davlyn Dueserthas, BSA Chaplain, at 212-4283, or Juanita Cruz at 463-2246.

Columbiettes Auxiliary #1450
Amarillo—Columbiettes Auxiliary #1450 meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00pm in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. All members are encouraged to attend the next meeting set for Monday, March 13. Any women interested in joining the auxiliary are encouraged to call Veronica Almanza, Columbiettes president, at 382-7800. All Catholic women 17 years old and older are eligible to join the Columbiettes.

Sympto-Thermal Class
Amarillo—The next Sympto-Thermal Class series on Natural Family Planning will be offered Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the Marian Room at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter. Find out more by calling Chrissy Acker at 654-2057.

Bach Lunch Series
Amarillo—St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. Thomas the Apostle Church will take part in the 22nd annual Bach Lunch Series, sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the American Guild of Organist. St. Mary’s Cathedral at 1200 South Washington will host the Bach Lunch Series on Friday, March 24 and St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 4100 South Coulter will host the final Bach Lunch Series date on Friday, April 7.

The Bach Lunch begins with a 25-minute organ recital at 12:05, followed by lunch at 12:30. Those attending are encouraged to bring a box lunch to the recitals. Host parishes will provide tea, coffee and a place to eat. For more information, please call Dr. Michael Johnson at 654-3239.

2017 Cursillo Dates
Amarillo—Cursillo dates for 2017 have been confirmed by Tania González, Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Amarillo.

Cursillo #563, for women, is set for Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30. Cursillo #564, for men, will take place Thursday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 13. Both Cursillo weekends will take place at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The entire Cursillo weekend is presented in Spanish, according to González, who recommends that all participants speak Spanish in order to grasp the message being presented. For more information about the Cursillo movement, call González at 678-9162.

Save The Date 1
Amarillo—All practicing Catholic men in the Diocese of Amarillo 18 years and older are encouraged to attend a First, Second and Third Degree Exemplification, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The exemplifications are set for Saturday, May 6, beginning at 8:30am. There is no cost for the First Degree. Cost for the Second and Third Degree are $25.00. For additional information, please call or text Robert Isbell at 806-679-0008.

Engaged Encounter
Amarillo—Couples in the Diocese of Amarillo planning to get married within the next three to six months are encouraged to attend the second Engaged Encounter weekend for 2017, set for Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. For more details about Engaged Encounter or to sign up, contact Molly Villegas at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 383-2243, ext. 116.

Save The Date 2
Amarillo—The annual Faith Formation Conference for catechists, parish leaders and parents will take place Saturday, Aug. 5 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

Additional information can be found soon in The West Texas Catholic; on the diocesan website, www. amarillodiocese.org; and, on St. Valentine Catholic Radio, 1360AM, KDJW.

Historical Society Cookbook
Amarillo—Copies of A Little Slice of Heaven, a cookbook compiled by the Catholic Historical Society, remain on sale. Cookbooks are now $7.50 each, with $2.50 for shipping. The cookbook is a compilation of recipes from Bishop Patrick J. Zurek and the priests and religious of the Diocese of Amarillo. Cookbook orders can be sent to: The CHS Cookbook Project, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117-5644.

Please make checks payable to The Catholic Historical Society Cookbook Project or CHS Cookbook Project.

For additional information, please call Susan Garner at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 383-2243, ext. 120.

Prison Ministry
Hereford—The prison ministry team in the Diocese of Amarillo is recruiting ordained deacons or lay volunteers for this special ministry.

Those interested in this ministry are asked to contact Deacon Jessie Guerrero at 364-8432; or, Deacon Blaine Westlake at 383-2243, ext. 117.
Aurora, Colo.—Pedro “Chota” Campos Jr., 92, passed away Feb. 9. Mass was celebrated Feb. 14. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo, Father Jose Gomez, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery East. Military Rites were provided by DAV Chapter 26. Survivors include two daughters, Librada “Lala” Carrasco and her husband Richard of Aurora and Pauline Hernandez of Phoenix; three sons, Raymond Rodriguez and his wife Juanita and Frank Rodriguez and his wife Esther, all of Denver and Rufus Rodriguez and wife Irma of Phoenix; a sister, Rosemary Borregon of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Dyna Gellineau, Johnny Carrasco, Katie Gallardo and Jimmy “Tony” Rodriguez; three great-grandchildren, Hailee, Veronica and Robert; numerous step-grandchildren; step-great-grandchildren; step-great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Maria Nieves Martinez, 92, passed away Feb. 9. Mass was celebrated Feb. 15. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Jose Gomez, pastor, and Monsignor Rex Nicholl, pastor, St. Martin de Porres Church, concelebrating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Lorenzo Larralde; eight children, Johnny Martinez and his wife Yolanda, Faustino Martinez Jr., Isidro Martinez and his wife Debbie, Sylvia Martinez, Francisco Martinez, Yolanda King and her husband Calvin, Dalia Martinez and her husband David and Rosa Brown and her husband David; three siblings, Juanita Guerrero, Jose Tello and Elvira Saenz; 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members.

Canyon—Jim Grabber, 63, passed away Feb. 11. Mass was celebrated Feb. 18, St. Mary’s Church, Umbarger, Father S. Christopher Schwind, pastor, presiding. Survivors include his father, John Grabber of Umbarger; four sisters, Pat Grabber of San Antonio, Clara Grabber of Umbarger, Bernadette Townsend of Canyon and Irene Grabber of Amarillo; and a brother, Tom Grabber of Amarillo.

Panhandle—Reba Kay Howes Reining, 75, passed away Feb. 14. Mass was celebrated Feb. 18, St. Theresa’s Church, Father Ludyburkiana Yekkeral, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery, Amarillo. Survivors include her husband, James Reining; two sons, Russell Barry Howes of Panhandle and Ken Howes of Round Rock; three brothers, Bruce Dennis of Hollis, Okla., Chess Dennis and Charles Dennis, both of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

Hereford—Clarence Betzen, 93, passed away Feb. 15. Mass was celebrated Feb. 18, St. Anthony’s Church, Father Tony Neusch, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Mildred Betzen; three sons, Tom Betzen and his wife Cheryl, Wayne Betzen and his wife Melody, all of Hereford and Mark Betzen and his wife Kathy of Frisco; a daughter, Sylvia Warren and her husband Dan of Charlotte; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four siblings, Linda Giachino of Oklahoma, Gertrude Weinzirl of Missouri, Jim Grabber of Amarillo; and a brother, Tom Grabber of Amarillo.

Amarillo—Edward William “Ed” Homen, of Amarillo, 93, passed away Feb. 16. Mass was celebrated Feb. 20, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Dora Jean Homen; six sons, Robert Homen, Donny Homen and his wife Peaches,Larry and Damaris Homen and Louis Homen and his wife Alice, all of Amarillo; John Homen and his wife Tonya of White Deer and Richard Homen and his wife Gina of Lubbock; a niece, Mary Ruth Albracht of Bushland; a bevy of grandchildren, grandchildren-in-law and 14 great-grandchildren, Misty Homen of Arlington, Grant Homen, his fiancée Beth Goldstein and sons Reed and Finn, Andrew Homen, Chelsea Homen, Meghan Homen, Meredith Homen and Levi Homen, all of Amarillo, Malorie Zimmer, her husband Ryan and daughter Hattie, Amanda Saffel, her husband Philip, daughter Olivia and son Everett, Jordan Marquez, her husband Bo and daughter Mackenzie, Dean and Julie Homen, Dylan and Paige Homen, Hayden Homen, all of Lubbock, Justin Homen, Jodi Crow, her husband Casey, sons Ellis and Edge and daughter Epie, Justin Freeman, his wife Lacee, son Jaxon and daughters Logan and Hunter and Christopher Homen, all of White Deer, Chase Homen, his wife Liuda and daughters Anatolia and Aviana of Corpus Christi and Halley Homen of Houston.

C analyzer—David “Troy” Skarke, 51, passed away Feb. 17. Mass was celebrated Feb. 22, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo, Father Scott L. Raef, rector, presiding. Burial was in Claude Cemetery, Claude. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Skarke; two daughters, Kendra Sherrill and her husband TJay of Claude and Tori Williams and her husband Carmon of Goldthwaite; a son, Seth Skarke of Canyon; three grandchildren, Harrison, Barrett and Finley; his mother, Shirley Richardson and her husband Don of Amarillo; three sisters, Jackie Curl and her husband Charles, Roxanne Schenck and her husband Roger and Nicole Hicks and her husband Danny, all of Umbarger; two brothers, Shane Skarke of Bridgeport and Chris Skarke and his wife Lana of Umbarger; his parents-in-law, Tony and Dorothy Broman of Vega; in laws, Steve and Regina Broman of Dalhart, Diane and Bernie Wieck, Deborah and Eric Walterscheid and Sandra and David Britten, all of Amarillo, Jeff and Christie Broman of Big Spring, David and Vicki Broman, Roger and Mandi Broman and Keith and Toni Broman, all of Vega; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hereford—Julian Cervantes, 91, passed away Feb. 17. Mass was celebrated Feb. 21, San Jose Church, Father Jose Ramirez Molina, CHS, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in West Park Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Isisas Cervantes and Anyelo Cervantes, both of Hereford; four daughters, Yolanda Cervantes and Rebecca Cervantes, both of Juanajuanto, Mexico, Eufamia Cervantes of Chicago and Gloria Cervantes of Denver; two sisters, Luz Cabarello and Carmen Cabarello, both of Mexico; 36 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—Jorge Abel Molina, 46, passed away Feb. 17. Memorial Services were conducted Feb. 20, La Grone-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Father Gerardo Uribe, OFM, of St. Laurence Church, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Maria Molina; three daughters, Darlene, Ashley and Stephanie Molina; two sons, Michael Molina and Samuel Oliver; and his mother, Maria I. Molina.
Pope, Top Curia Officials Launch New Style Of Ad Limina Visit

Vatican City (CNS)—For decades, the visits bishops are required to make to the Vatican were known for their formality and routine style, but Pope Francis launched “a whole new style of Ad Limina visits,” a Chilean bishop said.

The bishops were expecting “to have a long meeting with a speech and then individual meetings,” as in the past, Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos of Santiago, secretary of the Chilean bishops’ conference, told Catholic News Service Feb. 24.

Instead, the Vatican informed the prelates before their departure from Chile that they were going to have a group meeting with the pope and the prefects of several Vatican congregations and offices.

“We were told that this was going to be a new way of doing things that was beginning with us, that looks for a more fruitful, more incisive dialogue between the representatives of the local churches and the pope with his main collaborators,” Bishop Ramos said.

After spending three hours with the pope Feb. 20, the Chilean bishops met again with Pope Francis Feb. 23. At the second meeting, the pope and Chilean bishops were joined by several top officials, including: Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state; Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America; and Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
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