Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock
Office of Communications

PASTORAL UPDATE: January 14, 2020

Planning a parish event? To choose the best date, visit our DIOCESAN CALENDAR (under Calendar at top of page) at www.catholiclubbock.org. Many events -- including retreats and jamaicas -- are listed. Call us at 806-792-3943 or e-mail pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org with news about parish events of interest to the diocese by noon on Tuesday. Sign up for weekly updates: catholiclubbock@gmail.com

TOP NEWS - MOST RECENT

REPORTING ABUSE OR NEGLECT: Our clergy (bishop, priests, and deacons), seminarians, men and women in Consecrated Life, lay staff, and volunteers are trained to recognize and to report any disclosure or suspicion of physical abuse, sexual abuse, sexual assault, or neglect to the appropriate authorities. It is the policy of the Diocese of Lubbock to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to law enforcement. (More information online) Once local law enforcement, or the child abuse/vulnerable adult hotline have been called, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to Victim Assistance Coordinator Oscar Reyes at (806) 543-9178 or to diocesan officials.

ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE – Knights of Columbus will collect donations for their One Rose, One Life program after all Masses at Saint John the Baptist Church, this weekend, January 18/19. All donations will go to the Nurturing Center.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES – Tuesday, January 14, 6 p.m. in the Kasteel Hall (Family Activity Center) where a light meal will be served. Class begins with a personal story of conversion followed by a study of the book Into His Likeness by Edward Sri, which can be purchased for $5. Participants may study all or some of the lessons. This class is for new and long-time Catholics. Families welcome. There will be a separate class for the children. At 6:30 p.m., parishioner Valerie Hlavaty, will share her faith journey. The lesson will conclude by 8 pm. For information: Jeanette Hardin 778-3684.

ROE V. WADE MEMORIAL MASS - Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m., 47th anniversary of legalized abortion in the United States. San Ramon Catholic Church, 15706 Loop 493, Lubbock, (just north of Cooper High School). Please join us as we remember all the innocent babies that have been killed by abortion because of the Supreme Court decision in 1973. For more information please contact the Nurturing Center at 806-780-6853, or email: Ellie@Nurturinglife.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RAFFLE - On sale through noon January 23rd—Two tickets to the sold-out TTU Men's Basketball game vs Kentucky! Proceeds from the raffle will go back to Catholic Charities'
programs. The lucky winner will receive two tickets to the upcoming game on Saturday, January 25, at 5 p.m. at the United Supermarkets Arena. The seats are located in section 111, row 21. Raffle tickets are $20 and may be purchased online at [https://www.cclubbock.org/raffle](https://www.cclubbock.org/raffle) or in person at Catholic Charities office, 102 Ave J. *There will be a max of 100 raffle tickets sold.* Raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 23rd on Facebook Live. Winner will also be contacted by phone. Tickets must be picked up Friday or Saturday morning.

**GriefSHARE** – a grief support group at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 10805 Indiana, Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., **January 23 to April 23, 2020**. A weekly seminar and support group to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one, may that be spouse, child, parent or friend. Led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through difficult days ahead. Join at any time. Contact Sybille Neuber (806) 392-3860 for information or to sign up.


♥**SAINT VALENTINE’S DANCE** – **February 14,** 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 4702 130th Street (FM 1585), Lubbock. Cost: $15/person, $5/child 12 & under. Drawing – Free Samsung TV with purchase of adult ticket. Food, raffle and lots of dancing. Sponsored by San Ramon Church, Woodrow.

♥**K OF C COUNCIL 15876 STEAK DINNER** - **February 14,** serving dinner begins 6-8 p.m. with dance to follow. $40 per couple or $25 individuals. Held at Saint Patrick Church Hall, 1603 Cherry. For more info call Edward Salas - 806-543-7377 or Romeo Salinas- 806-778-0933

**KALEIDOSCOPE OF FAITH** – The Church Family Gathers! Saturday, **February 22, 2020** at three locations: **Brownfield** at Saint Anthony Church, in **Lubbock** at John Saleh Catholic Student Center, and in **Snyder** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church— pre-registration check-in and on-sight registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The day will conclude after the 3:30 p.m. Mass. The day includes nine (9) breakout sessions which will include presentations by the speaker, clergy, and catechist; a nursery, and break-out sessions age-appropriate for even the youngest members of the Church. This event is for the entire family – all ages, all households.

*Registration fee is $15 for adults and $5 for children. The maximum per family (household) is $40. Also--volunteering will cover the registration fee.

If you pre-register and pay in full, your household will be entered in a drawing for prizes! Please register especially to help us anticipate how much food we will need at each place.

*Pre-register by filling out and submitting the registration form to: Kaleidoscope of Faith, PO Box 94710, Lubbock, TX 79493-4710; at KaleidoscopeLubbock@gmail.com, or by calling the Diocese of Lubbock offices at (806) 792-3943, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will be livestreaming from each location. Each speaker will be made available at the two other locations via this stream.
FAT TUESDAY ON SATURDAY SHRIMP PEEL – Saturday, **February 22**, 6 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. dance, Saint Elizabeth Hanly Hall, 2305 Main, Lubbock. Cost is $30 a person. Silent Auction—all you can eat shrimp. Tickets available after all Masses or at church office. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 12803

**CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER BUILDING CLOSED** due to flooding. The Joan Patton Finance Center next door is **OPEN** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for all financial operations (DCA, payments, billings, etc.). The Martyrs Hall will house all other offices, except for Tribunal and Communications which can be found in the portable building west of the Renewal Center. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Please continue to call (806) 792-3943 to contact staff members.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MLK FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY – Monday, **January 20**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Catholic Charities, 102 Avenue J, Lubbock. Volunteers will organize the career closet and work in the food pantry. Sign up at [www.cclubbock.org/volunteer](http://www.cclubbock.org/volunteer) or on Volunteer Center of Lubbock's Get Connected page.

MEN SEEKING GRACE RETREAT – Saturday, **January 25**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a retreat for men seeking to strengthen their relationship with God and family. Held at Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 8202 CR 7700, Wolfforth. Speakers include Deacon Juan Cavazos, Deacon Jerry Dueñes, and Deacon Behnke. Registration fee of $15 includes lunch. Please register by contacting Sister Jane Venhaus at janevenhausosf@gmail.com or by calling 806-863-4904.

PEOPLE OF FAITH AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY – The next execution scheduled in Texas is Wed, **Jan 15** (John Gardner). If not stayed, there will be a prayer vigil held at St. John United Methodist Church, 1501 University Ave, 5:45-6:15pm on the night of the execution to pray for those on death row and for all crime victims. Contact: Beth Pressley, St. Elizabeth parishioner, 789-9002. [Punishment] ought not go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity: in other words, when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent. —John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, 1995

♥SWEETHEART DANCE – Saturday **February 1**, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Midnight; The Alley, 403 S. Avenue D, Abernathy. For information/tickets call 806-298-4278. Raffle and door prizes, BYOB. Cost is $15/person.

WANT A TEMPORARY JOB? In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting hundreds of thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country. The U.S. Census Bureau may have a place for you on the 2020 Census team. Bilingual is a plus. Pay ranges from $18 to $21.50/hour. To find out more or to apply: [https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html](https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html)

**FOUNDATION GRANT DEADLINE HAS CHANGED.** The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock is the only local foundation that gives exclusively to Catholic parishes, ministries and organizations. The new grant deadline is **February 17** at midnight. The signature of the pastor is required on the application so be sure to receive his approval before he leaves town for winter break. Visit [www.catholicfoundationlubbock.org](http://www.catholicfoundationlubbock.org) for a fillable PDF and Word Document of the grant application.
SAINT JOHN NEUMANN FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – January 18, 2020, 6-8 p.m. in Saint John Neumann gym. All former parishioners are invited. The theme is “Round the World Potluck.” Please bring your favorite dish or dessert from your culture. We’ve come this far by faith in God! If you would like to contribute pictures from your time at Saint John Neumann, send them to the Church Office, 5802 22nd, Lubbock, or email sjn79.parishcouncil@gmail.com.

RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS – January 17-19, 2020, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring Street, Amarillo. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents is designed to meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died from any cause, no matter how long ago. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus after his crucifixion, we ask him to join with the parents who struggle through their journey of grief. It is designed to be a Catholic retreat, but all faiths are welcome. Cost: Single-$240, Couple-$360 includes room, all meals, snacks and materials. Registration: www.bdrc.org/emmaus-ministry-for-grieving-parents-1 or call 806.383.1811. It begins 5:30 p.m. on Friday, and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Sponsored by Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center & Family Life Ministry - Diocese of Amarillo.

encounter GRACE: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. in Room 1 of the Family Activity Center, Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. A different topic and presenter each week.

January 15, 2020, Aileen Everett will speak to Encounter Grace about Friends of Por Cristo Lubbock, an organization that helps the abandoned elderly and the poorest of the poor in Butuan, Phillipines. Aileen will show a video that illustrates the impact that this organization has made in an impoverished area of the world.

January 22, 2020, Cindy Canale will speak to Encounter Grace about Prayer and Journaling. Journaling has allowed Cindy to see God’s presence in her life and his answers to her prayers.

Do you need daycare to attend sessions of Encounter on Wednesdays? Please contact Jeanette Hardin- 778-3684 to schedule. This is a free service provided by the Cathedral.

OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE – 2-22-20 – KALEIDOSCOPE OF FAITH – The Church Family Gathers
The conference will feature great presenters, including: Jackie Francois, Lucia & Ricardo Luzando, and Paul J. Kim, all internationally known speakers.

FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREATS: Given by Sister Martha Jane and Youth Ministers Team, St. Francis Mission Sisters, Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Wolfforth, in 2020: *January 18, February 8, and April 18—all from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, email; JanevenhausOSF@gmail.com, text 806 787 1392, or call (806) 863-4904. Registration fee is $20 for candidates and $5 for sponsors.
*January 18 retreat is full.* Reminder that there must be one safe-environment certified adult for every ten teens, and youth must have a Diocesan E form completed.*

OFFICE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Gathering Youth: Models and Strategies; Praying with Youth: Prayer Services, Liturgy, Youth and Mass, Adoration (a sample process)
**Forming Youth: Adolescent Catechesis/Confirmation** - print and online resources, articles and research from the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis developed by the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis.

**OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Are you or someone in **MARRIAGE MINISTRY** at your parish needing to: Promote your parish’s couples’ retreat or family event? Find new marriage prep programs or studies to try for ministry? Form and train your parish’s marriage ministry team? Offer resources for hurting families and troubled marriages? Figure out practical ways to support healthy marriages and families?

If you answered YES to any of the above statements, the Marriage and Family Life Office can help. Contact Jenna for more details at 832-659-1049 or ichang@catholiclubbock.org

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** - All Grade Levels, PreK through High School - Letters of Interest, resumes and references can be submitted to Christ the King Cathedral School, Attn: Gail Ambrose, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413

**COME SEE CTKC SCHOOL:** Come see what Christ the King School (4011 54th Street) offers students and their families—a quality education that educates the child in faith as well as academics and leadership skills. For more information: www.ctkcathedralschool.org. Personal tours available, or if you’d like a CTK ambassador to come to your parish, contact Becky King, at bking@ctkcathedralschool.org or 795-8283.

**OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS**

**Vocation Blurb** – Second Sunday in Ordinary time – January 18/19 We don’t always recognize the voice of God. Spend time in silence regularly to listen to God’s voice. God calls, what do you hear? (I Samuel 3). If you think God is calling you to be a priest or religious, contact the Vocations Office at 806-792-3943 ext. 226 or rperez@catholiclubbock.org

**DiocesanPriest** serves ordinary men who are responding to their call to holiness and offers guidance for the question: Is Jesus Christ calling me to be a Catholic priest? Visit www.diocesanpriest.com

**OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS** – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18/19, 2020 - In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist shows us how what we do and say reveals to others what we really believe. He has a clear sense of who he is and who he is not, and by his life’s work he gives testimony to God’s active presence in people’s lives. He challenges us to examine how our actions reveal our attitudes, testify to our beliefs and show how those beliefs reveal our true selves to others. Good stewards of their faith are aware of the sort of God they reveal to the world by their words and actions. Do our acts witness to a God who takes away that which alienates people from God and each other? Do our actions truly reveal God’s presence in the world today?
Segundo domingo en tiempo ordinario - En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan el Bautista nos muestra cómo lo que hacemos y decimos revela a los demás lo que realmente creemos. Él tiene un claro sentido de quién es y quién no es, y por el trabajo de su vida da testimonio de la presencia activa de Dios en la vida de las personas. Nos reta a examinar cómo nuestras acciones revelan nuestras actitudes, testifican nuestras creencias y muestran cómo esas creencias revelan nuestro verdadero ser a los demás. Los buenos corresponsables de su fe son conscientes del tipo de Dios que revelan al mundo a través de sus palabras y acciones. ¿Nuestros actos dan testimonio de un Dios que quita lo que aleja a las personas de Dios y de los demás? ¿Nuestras acciones realmente revelan la presencia de Dios en el mundo de hoy?

RETREATS/SPiritual Development

RACHEL’S VINEYARD - Rachel’s Vineyard™ is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can reconcile past abortion pain and begin the process of restoration. Next Rachel’s Vineyard in the Lubbock area will be on March 6-8, 2020, in English, and September 18-20, 2020, in Spanish. Confidential contact: Mindy at rios2000us@yahoo.com or 806-702-2284.

RINCON DE RAQUEL El Viñedo de Raquel™ es un lugar seguro para renovar, reconstruir y redimir corazones destruidos por el aborto. Los retiros de fin de semana ofrecen un apoyo confidencial y un ambiente en donde no se le juzga a mujeres y hombres que desean reconciliar el dolor pasado a causa del aborto y comenzar el proceso de sanación.

El próximo viñedo de Rachel para hombres y mujeres en el área de Lubbock será del 6 al 8 de marzo de 2020 en inglés y del 18 al 20 de septiembre de 2020 en español. Contacto confidencial: Mindy en rios2000us@yahoo.com o 806-702-2284.

Recurring (Weekly) Activities

FILIPINO MASS – First Sunday of the month, Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 5 p.m.

DOMINICAN LAITY meet first Sunday of the month, at the Saint Elizabeth Conference Center (except this month—on September 15)

ADORATION – Mondays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Plainview Sacred Heart.

HOLY HOUR – (in Spanish) Tuesdays- 7 p.m., Levelland Saint Michael Church.

HOLY HOUR & BENEdition, Tuesdays – 7 p.m., Woodrow San Ramon

DIVINE MERCY Chaplet every Wednesday- 3 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish Chapel.

ADORATION – Second Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:30, Our Lady Queen of Apostles.

HOLY HOUR – Thursdays - 8:15 a.m., Levelland Saint Michael Church.

HOLY HOUR & BENEdition-Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, 7 p.m., Thursdays. (Confession-5:30-6:30 p.m.)

HOLY HOURS for Vocations- Christ the King Cathedral, 7 p.m., second Thursday. Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe- Thursdays after 6:00 p.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY Rosary (6:30 a.m.) & Mass (6:55 a.m.) for Vocations, Christ the King, 4011 54th.

First Friday Rosary for vocations, 7 a.m., Holy Spirit, 98th & Frankford, Lubbock

First Friday -7 p.m. (Mass & adoration), Saint Isidore, 17813 N I-27, Abernathy
HOLY HOUR, Adoration & Benediction, 5 p.m., Fridays, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Slaton

FIRST FRIDAY MASS @ Noon to end abortion and euthanasia, Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford. Every First Friday of the year.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - 6 p.m. (English), Adoration after Mass until 10 p.m.-Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L

HORA SANTA – Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., (Spanish) Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 2305 Main, Lubbock.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET- 3 p.m. First Saturdays at Christ the King, 4011 54th Street.

First Saturday Mass, 8 a.m., Holy Spirit, 98th & Frankford, Lubbock

First Saturday Adoration and Reconciliation - 4-4:45 p.m., Saint John the Baptist, 10805 Indiana

CATHOLIC MOMS OF LUBBOCK – Fridays @ 10 a.m.. Contact: Jenna Chang, 792-3943 ext. 201 for more information.

COUNSELING: Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. For appointment, call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074

ONLINE MASS – Christ the King Cathedral offers live streaming: Go to www.ctkcathedral.org, and click "Mass Online." Contact Margo at 792-6168.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS


OUR LADY OF FATIMA RADIO- Plainview: Tune in to LP 100.7 FM 24 hours a day, seven days a week! Mass streamed live on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

TWITTER: Bishop Coerver is now on Twitter. You can follow him @BishopLubbock. https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock

CONNECT WITH THE DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK: Follow: @CatholicLubbock on Twitter & Instagram

SEND South Plains Catholic story ideas, stories, and photos (including names and explanations) to: PO Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499-8700, or lflores@catholiclubbock.org. The next deadlines are:

EDITION DATE: February DEADLINE: January 21, 2020

SAVE THE DATE:
June 5, 2020 – Night to Remember, Catholic Charities