

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. (English),
Reconciliation: Before Mass

† Feast Day of the Week †

January 21st – St. Agnes

St. Agnes was a beautiful Roman girl who was born in the year 291 A.D. and became a martyr for her faith at 13 years of age. Many young men wanted to marry her, but she made a promise to God to remain a virgin and would say "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse". Living as a Christian in the time of the Emperor Diocletian, she was under constant threat of torture and death. It is said that among those she refused was the son of the prefect Sempronius. This prefect wished Agnes to marry his son, and on Agnes' refusal he reported her to the authorities as being a Christian and condemned her to death. But Roman law did not permit the execution of virgins. Legends tell of her being thrown into a brothel, where her purity was miraculously preserved. The only man who attempted to violate her was the son of the prefect. He was struck blind but Agnes healed him with prayer. The prefect heard what happened to his son and ran to the brothel, accusing Agnes. He had a lieutenant first try to kill Agnes by fire – which did not harm her – and then killed her with a sword. St. Agnes is buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. It is said that her execution shocked many Romans and helped bring an end to the persecutions. Constantina, the daughter of Constantine, built a basilica over the catacomb which houses St. Agnes' body.



Agnes is depicted in art with a lamb, as the Latin word for "lamb", *agnus*, sounds like her name. On her feast day, it is customary for 2 lambs to be brought in and blessed by the Pope. On Holy Thursday, the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium (stole) given by the Pope to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the Pope. St. Agnes is the patron saint of young girls, virgins, engaged couples, and rape survivors.

St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)
Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass



Parochial Administrator: Father Reehan Antony

Parish Office Telephone: 254-647-3163.

If you need a priest (Fr. Reehan) in an emergency (hospital, etc.),
please call 682-207-8557

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Halbryan and Foch Street
Eastland, TX 76448

Sunday Mass: 9:45 a.m. (Spanish)
Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

1108 Avenue F
Cisco, TX 76437

Sunday Mass: 11:30 a.m. (English)
Reconciliation: After Mass

www.cisoholyrosary.com

STEWARDSHIP

January 7-8, 2017

St. John	\$	674.00
St. Rita	\$	434.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$	716.00
Holy Rosary	\$	771.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Weekday Events in Your Parish/Eventos Durante la Semana de su Parroquia

St. Francis, Eastland	Monday – Rosario (Rosary in Spanish), 7 p.m. Tuesday – Estudio Biblico (Bible Study in Spanish), 7:30 p.m. Friday – Oracion (Evening Prayer), 7 p.m.
Holy Rosary, Cisco	Wednesday – Rosary 9 a.m., then coffee & donuts 1 st Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 5 p.m.
St. John, Strawn	Wednesday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 7 p.m.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

January 17	Friendship Meal, Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. <i>"Everyone in need of a meal is invited to attend."</i>
January 22	Feast Day of St. Vincent Pallotti
January 23	Annual Respect Life Mass, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Cathedral, downtown Fort Worth
February 14	St. Valentine's Day Mass for Couples, 6 p.m., St. John, Strawn
March 1	Ash Wednesday

Note from Deacon Ed

Deacon Ed (and Sue) would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and thank everyone for their cards and gifts over the Christmas season.

The 6th annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine. The theme of the 2017 conference is **"Salt & Light: Embracing Christ's Love"** and draws upon the Gospel of Matthew as Jesus speaks about the symbols of salt and light. The early bird cost, if paid **before** Jan. 31st, is \$39 and includes continental breakfast, box lunch, and a T-shirt. To register for this event or to learn more, please visit www.ntxcmc.org.

With the start of this new year and new beginnings, consider volunteering to clean the Church in your parish.

Cleanliness is next to godliness! Cleaning the Church is a way to give thanks to God through the work of our hands. And, if you clean as a family or with friends, you can count on the Lord's presence, for He said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). A special note of thanks for those who cleaned their Church during this past year – you are special!
May Our Lord Bless you Always!

CCD- PARENTS MEETING, STRAWN
CCD Parents meeting for St. John's church, Jan 18, 5:45pm, at the rectory, in Strawn.

Mass Intentions

- + St. John, Strawn – SATURDAY, January 14th
Mass intention for Susan and James Horton.
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.
- +St. Rita, Ranger – SUNDAY, January 15th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Doyle Martindale.
Requested by Denise and David Snodgrass.
- +St. Francis Xavier, Eastland–SUNDAY, January 15th
Mass for the repose of the soul of Paul Wachsmann.
Requested by Pauline Scheuren.
- +Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, January 15th
Mass intention for Father Reehan's mother Pauline Mary.
Requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society.

SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, February 14th

A Mass for couples on Valentine's Day
6 p.m. at St. John Church in Strawn –
More details to follow!

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	8 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Wednesday	6:45 p.m., St. John, Strawn
Thursday	7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco