

### St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street  
Strawn, TX 76475

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

### St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road  
Ranger, TX 76470

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

### 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](http://www.cisoholyrosary.com)

#### ++Feast Day of the Week++

A native of Assisi, Italy, Giles was one of the earliest followers of St. Francis, from whom he received the [habit](#) in 1208. He accompanied Francis on many of his missions around Assisi, made a pilgrimage to Compostela, visited [Rome](#) and the Holy Land, and then made an unsuccessful visit to [Tunis](#) to convert the Saracens. The Christians in Tunis, fearful of the repercussions of his religious fervor, forced him back on a boat as soon as he landed. He spent the rest of his [life](#) living in Italy, living from about 1243 at the Monte Rapido hermitage on the outskirts of Perugia, where he died in 1263. He experiences ecstasies, had a vision of [Christ](#) at Cetona, and is considered the most perfect example of the primitive Franciscan. He is spoken of at length in "The Little Flowers of St. Francis" and Francis called him his "Knight of the round table." Known for his austerity and silence, his "The Golden Sayings of Brother Giles" is noted for its humor, deep understanding of human nature, and optimism.

-[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)



#### 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



#### 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 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew, 5 p.m.	

#### Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

May 6 St. Rita's Altar Society Garage Sale

#### Reflection of Pope's Monthly Intention

This time of year many young people are thinking about graduation and preparing for their next step in life—high school, college, or work. Pope Francis asks us to keep them in mind as they consider their vocation.

Most people think of a "vocation" as something that priests, and religious sisters and brothers have. But every baptized person has a vocation, a divine call to love and serve God. At baptism we were changed. We became members of the Body of Christ, the Church. This membership is unlike being part of a human association. It is organic and divine. Grace flows through the parts of the Body of Christ and each part, in one way or another, has the responsibility to be a healthy member of the Body and to build up the Body.

It's common, when considering the future, to think only in terms of our own personal preferences. We tend to leave God and his desires out of the picture. Pope Francis wants us to pray with him that young people will pray about their futures and be open to serving God in the priesthood and consecrated life.

This is so important to Pope Francis that the next Synod of Bishops, which will meet in 2018, is entitled "Young People, Faith, and Vocation Discernment." In a letter to young people about the next Synod he wrote: "I wanted you to be the center of attention because you are in my heart. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit."

Then, referring to Jesus' response to his first disciples who, when asked where he was staying, said "Come and see" (John 1: 38), the Pope said: "Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan in your life."

May our prayers touch many young people this month and lead them to grow in their faith and ask the question, "What does God want me to do?"

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### April 15-16, 2017

Holy Rosary.	1015.60
Good Friday.	32.00
St. Rita.	486.00
Good Friday.	39.00
St. Francis.	776.10
Good Friday.	154.95
St. John.	949.00
Good Friday.	176.00

*May God bless you for your generosity.*

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday- 8 am- St. Rita  
Wednesday-9am- St. John  
Thursday- 7pm- St. Francis Xavier  
Friday- Holy Rosary- 9am

#### Prayer Intentions for April 2017

Pope's Prayer Intention -**Young People:** *That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.*

Urgent Intention - **Landslide Victims:** Victims of the landslide in Colombia and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, and Paraguay.

#### St. Rita Altar Society Garage Sale

When: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 4:00  
Where: St. Rita Church Hall  
Donations Accepted: Items in usable condition If possible, please price. Will pick up. Please call Janie 631-5622 or Martha 433-9393

#### HOUSE BLESSING

IF YOU LIKED TO HAVE YOUR  
HOUSE BLESSED PLEASE CALL  
THE OFFICE.