

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

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

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Established 1912



St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation: Half Hour Before Mass

Established 1919



St. Francis Xavier Parish

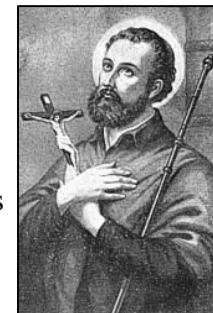
Halbryan and Foch Street
Eastland, TX 76448

Sunday Mass: 9:45 a.m. (Spanish)

Reconciliation: Half Hour before Mass

<http://stfranciseastland.org/>

Established 1920



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

1108 Avenue F
Cisco, TX 76437

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

Reconciliation: After Mass

www.ciscoholyrosary.com

Established 1920



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

1109 Blackwell Road, Ranger, TX 76470

254-647-3163

Parish Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If you need Fr. Reehan in an emergency (hospital, Anointing of the Sick, etc.), please call 682-207-8557.

Pastoral Staff

Father Reehan Antony, S.A.C. Parochial Administrator

Ed Ferguson Deacon

Viridiana McQuade Bookkeeper

Ann Geasland Safe Environment Coordinator

Val Loftin Director of Religious Education

Vacant Youth Director

Vacant Adult Formation Director

Vacant Mission Activities Coordinator

April - Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national child abuse prevention month. Creating a safe environment for children and youth is a priority for Bishop Olson. He strongly encourages every parish, school, and apostolate to participate in highlighting the importance of protecting minors and reaching out to those who have been victims of sexual abuse. Join the dioceses and eparchies across the United States in dedicating **Friday, April 13th** to prayer and sacrifice for the intention: "We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in any way the courage to tell their story and seek healing."

RICE BOWL

PLEASE BRING YOUR RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH.

Bless This Home
~ AND ALL WHO ENTER ~

As you go through spring cleaning at your home, consider having a "spiritual cleansing" – a house blessing. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Father Reehan at the Parish Office.

"The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen'. Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the resurrection."
~ Pope Francis, Easter 2018

In the Parishes - En Las Parroquias

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
1st Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Rosary
Sunday – Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 5 p.m.

Calendar of Events/Calendario de Eventos

Month of April Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 8 - 9 Divine Mercy Sunday - All Night Adoration, St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland
April 9 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting, 5 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Cisco
April 15 Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council Joint Meeting, 5 p.m., Eastland
April 16 Games Night, 5:30 p.m., St. Rita Parish Hall, Ranger
April 17 Friendship Meal, Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
"Everyone in need of a meal or fellowship is invited to attend."
April 18 CCD "Annual" Talent Show, 7 p.m., Majestic Theatre, Eastland
April 21 7th Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Colleyville. Please visit www.ntxcmc.org.
April 23 Sacrament of Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes, Mineral Wells
April 28 First Holy Communion, St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland & St. John, Strawn

A Powerful Reminder and Lesson

Excerpt from *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, Pope Francis, March 19, 2016

"Here I think of the words of Martin Luther King, who met every kind of trial and tribulation with fraternal love: *'The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God', you begin to love him in spite of [everything]. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never sluff off... Another way that you love your enemy is this: when the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it... When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system... Hate for hate only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and so on, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends. Somewhere somebody must have a little sense, and that's the strong person. The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil... Somebody must have religion enough and morality enough to cut it off and inject within the very structure of the universe that strong and powerful element of love'*.¹¹⁴
In family life, we need to cultivate that strength of love which can help us fight every evil threatening it. Love does not yield to resentment, scorn for others or the desire to hurt or to gain some advantage. The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up.

¹¹⁴Martin Luther King Jr., *Sermon delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, 1957.*

STEWARDSHIP

March 31 – April 1, 2018

Holy Rosary	\$	804.50
Good Friday	\$	160.00
St. Rita	\$	648.00
Good Friday	\$	247.52
St. John	\$	1,199.50
Good Friday	\$	140.00
St. Francis	\$	980.00
Good Friday	\$	237.00

May God bless you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

+Holy Rosary, Cisco – SUNDAY, April 8th
Mass intention for Father James Wilcox
Requested by the Holy Rosary Altar Society.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	6 a.m., St. Francis Xavier, Eastland
Wednesday	5 p.m., St. Boniface
Thursday	9 a.m., St. Rita, Ranger
Friday	9 a.m., Holy Rosary, Cisco

All Night Adoration

We will have All Night Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Francis Xavier Church, Eastland, from Sunday, April 8th at 6 p.m. until Monday, April 9th, at 6 a.m. Mass will follow Adoration.



Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council Joint Meeting

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Eastland Church House to go over next year's budget.
Please attend without fail !!!!!