

St. John Parish

126 Hickory Street
Strawn, TX 76475

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

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Adoration Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm

Established 1912



St. Rita Parish

1109 Blackwell Road
Ranger, TX 76470

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

Reconciliation: Half Hour Before Mass

Adoration Monday 7:00-8:00 am

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

Adoration Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

<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

Adoration Friday 8:00-9:00 am

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.

striaoffice2018@gmail.com

If you need Fr. VJ in an emergency (hospital, Anointing of the Sick, etc.), please call (940) 577-1874.

Pastoral Staff

Father Vijaya Raju Mareedu, S.A.C. Parochial Administrator

Ed Ferguson (830) 998 5570. Deacon

Viridiana McQuade Bookkeeper

Ann Geasland Safe Environment Coordinator

Brandi Brauker Director of Religious Education

Maritza Esquivel Youth Director

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy – instructions for parents and godparents are required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Before or after Mass at each Parish, as time allows. Advent and Lenten Penance Services as announced. Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Contact Father VJ at least six months before the possible wedding date. Couples must participate in the Marriage Preparation Program.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Families are asked to notify Father VJ or the Parish Office concerning parishioners who are ill or in hospital.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Families are asked to contact Father VJ or the Parish Office for arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please use the envelopes provided near the entrance of each Church and give to Father VJ.

RELIGIOUS STORE: St. Rita Religious Store is open on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays after Mass. Call 254-433-9393 and someone will meet you at the store.

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

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 Luke, 5 p.m.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

MONTH OF DIVINE INFANCY

December 18 Cisco Friendship Meal , Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. -7 p.m.
“Everyone In need of a meal or socializing are welcome”
December 19 Adorations and Confessions – Times and places to be announced
December 22 CCD Caroling 3-6 graders meet at the Woodlands at 930
December 24 Christmas Eve Mass Times- St. John 5:00 pm, St. Rita 7:00 pm, St. Francis 9:00 pm,
Holy Rosary 11:00 pm
December 25 Christmas Mas at St. Rita 8:30 am

MONTH OF JANUARY

MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JANUARY

January 7 Holy Rosary Altar Society Meeting at 5:00 pm Holy Rosary Hall
January 7 Eastland Friendship Meal, First Baptist Church 405 Seaman St Eastland 6 pm – 7pm
“ Everyone in need of a meal or socializing are welcome”
January 14 St. Rita Altar Society meeting at 6:30 at St. Rita Parish Hall
January 14 Knights of Columbus mass at St. Francis at 6:30 pm with meeting to follow after at
7:30
January 15 Cisco Friendship Meal , Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco, 6 p.m. -7 p.m.
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Thoughts from a catechist:

If you don't have an advent wreath in your home, it's never too late to start this as a tradition! The store at St. Rita's has some lovely, inexpensive ones in stock as well as the candles you need. Children love candles, and rightfully so: they naturally inspire wonder and awe at the beautiful light they create and this light reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light, shining out in the darkness that can never be put out!
Thanks be to God!

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

December 8-9

Holy Rosary. 1097.00
Immaculate Concep. 171.00
Bldg. Fund. 202.00

St. John. 402.75
Immaculate Concep. 105.00
Bldg. Fund. 299.00

St. Francis. 806.00
Immaculate Concep. 20.00
Bldg. Fund. 243.47

St. Rita. 593.00
Immaculate Concep. 85.00
Bldg. Fund. 144.00

May God bless you for your generosity

Merry Christmas
From Dynamic Catholic

The December book selection from Dynamic Catholic is “Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody” by Dr. Allen R. Hunt. The book features 12 stories of real people who discovered the life changing power of grace. Matthew Kelly, the founder of Dynamic Catholic, calls this book is a “must- read”. Please take a copy, read it and share it with a friend or a member of your family.

As we all know the Parish bought property off of I-20 to be new place for the one Church. The Knights of Columbus have been working hard at getting it cleaned up to get it ready for that. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Charles Rener or any member of Knights of Columbus if you wish to help.