

**St. Mary's  
&  
Holy Name of Jesus  
Catholic Churches**



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		<b>Umbarger</b>	<b>Happy</b>
Mon, Apr 8		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Apr 9		7 PM - Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance	No Mass
Wed, Apr 10		8 AM -	No Mass
Thu, Apr 11	St. Stanislaus	8 AM -	7 PM -
Fri, Apr 12		8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Sat, Apr 13		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Apr 14	Palm Sunday	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
April 14, 2019	Robert Friemel	April Artho Brynleigh Crockett Jillian Johnson	Suzy Hicks Kelly Wegman Lesann Hartman	Troy Keller

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30 AM  
**Anointing of the Sick:** By Request  
**CYO** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall  
**CCD:** Sundays at 10:15-11:30

**Holy Week Schedule:**

4/18/19 - Holy Thursday - 7:00pm  
 4/19/19 - Good Friday - 3:00pm  
 4/20/19 - Easter Vigil - 8:30pm  
 4/21/19 - Easter Sunday - 9:00am - Umbarger  
 11:15am - Happy

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, April 12th at 6:00pm  
 Lead by the CYO.

**Christian Mothers:** Next Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd  
 after Mass.

**Easter Flowers:** Christian Mothers will take a collection  
 for Easter flowers on April 7 after Mass.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be having their meeting  
 on the 14th of this month. We will be going over the  
 summer planning. Please come and join us!!

**St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry:** If you or a loved  
 one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket,  
 please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

**Thursday Bible Study at the Dorsey home will be  
 discontinued until further notice.**

**Fruhlingsfest Tickets** are available to sell. Contact Suzy  
 Hicks to pick-up tickets to sell.

**Parish Secretary:** We are still looking for an new parish  
 secretary. If you are interested please talk to Fr Grant.

**Upcoming Ordinations:**

Deacon Taylor Elzner and Deacon Victor Hugo Andrade  
 will be ordained to the Priesthood Saturday, June 1 during  
 a 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South  
 Washington. Please make plans to join us at the Cathedral  
 for this joyous occasion.

**When your prayer is dry and without any emotion,  
 remember this key principle**

By Philip Kosloski

While personal prayer can often begin with great emotion  
 and feelings of consolation and peace, it does not always  
 last. In fact, for most saints, prayer quickly turned dry and  
 listless. When prayer turns this way it can actually be a  
 good thing, even though we may not like it.

Italian priest Fr. Lorenzo Scupoli explains in his spiritual  
 classic, *The Spiritual Combat*, that dry prayer is often a gift  
 from God.

Dryness may likewise proceed from ... [from] grace, either  
 to give us warning, that we should be more diligent to  
 forsake every attachment and employment which is not of  
 God, and does not terminate in Him ; or, to make us learn  
 by experience, that all our good things come from Him ; or  
 else, because He is pleased to see us put forth all our  
 strength in battle, and use His grace.

At times we may become attached to feelings of peace and  
 serenity and this could potentially distract us from our  
 main purpose in life of loving God and seeking him above  
 all things. It's easy to be drawn to seek after positive  
 emotional feelings and to pray only to attain those feelings.

This is a dangerous pursuit, as we will easily have our faith  
 shaken when distress occurs in our lives. When confronted  
 with dry prayer, Scupoli gives this advice.

[R]emember also your Christ, Who, in the Garden and on  
 the Cross, was, to His great pain, abandoned by His  
 Heavenly Father, as far as the feeling of comfort was  
 concerned; and, bearing the cross with Him, with all your  
 heart say, "Thy Will be done." By doing so, your patience  
 and prayer will raise the flame of your heart's sacrifice into  
 the presence of God, leaving you truly devout; true  
 devotion ... consisting in a lively and firm readiness of will  
 to follow Christ with the cross on your shoulder, by  
 whatever way He invites and calls us to Himself.

This is not easy advice to take in and may not be very  
 satisfying at an emotional level. However, the key lies in  
 loving God throughout every trial and tribulation and  
 persevering in prayer no matter what type of feelings we  
 have. As with any other relationship, our love is proven not  
 during times of prosperity, but during trials of suffering.

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Parish Finances March 30, 2019

Regular Collection: \$201.00

**Senior Breakfast:** May, 9th at 7:30am. Sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.

**Senior Citizens Luncheon:** May, 16th at 12:00pm(Noon). More information to come.

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### Say this prayer while folding socks

By Sarah Robsdotter

*Getting some time with Our Lord might not be as hard as it sometimes seems ...*

Okay, don't let that title deceive you. There are no set words for "the prayer while folding socks," because the words don't really matter. What matters is this – that you take advantage of this miraculous, life-changing opportunity of being alone in the Presence of God as your children nap or watch cartoons and your hands come into contact with a large bin of second-class relics belonging to the ones you love most – yes, I mean their socks.

What's a "second-class relic?" Catholics use this term to describe items that have come into direct contact with a saint, such as Padre Pio's sandal or Mother Teresa's sari, or in the case of the future saints living under your roof, their soccer knee-highs and ruffly Easter socks. [Note: A "first-class relic" would be a tooth or a toenail – a direct part of the saint's body.]

While this idea of relics may seem down-right wacky at first blush, it's biblical and such veneration is a natural part of the human experience. It takes place in a similar way in avenues of civil society all the time – from the pillow Abraham Lincoln bled and died upon, which still sits today in a museum in his honor, to the baseball bat Babe Ruth swung to win his 7th World Series. How much more exciting is it to come into contact with tangible mementos of our Faith! Also, Tradition holds that when we pray with relics present, those to whom the relics once belonged are mystically interceding with us to the Father.

Now about those socks ... No, they're not truly relics yet because your family members most likely have not achieved sainthood if they're still scampering around your house. But seeing that holiness is the ultimate life goal for every Christian (Matthew 5:48), let's hope – and pray – they're on their way.

So with your arms elbow-deep in the sock bin, here are a few ideas to get you started: "Dear Jesus," (said while pairing your eldest daughter's purple knee-highs) "guide her feet into your truth. Give her boldness as she stands up to the mean girls at school; help her be a light in the world."

This kind of prayer sure beats letting your mind simply wander. It sure beats worrying about the mean girl who's been bullying your daughter during recess. It also sure beats fantasizing about pulling said mean girl's stupid ponytail. Speaking of that mean girl, go ahead and pray for her too. In this way, you'll be "tak[ing] captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Here's another hack: "Dear Jesus," (match your husband's running socks this time) "bless him and keep him and make your face shine upon him."

That one's really powerful, especially if you had a fight with your sweetie while he was rushing out the door to work. Teresa of Avila once said "prayer is an act of love," which always makes me conclude that it's impossible not to love someone I'm lifting up in prayer. So go ahead and give it a shot. The shortest, genuine request offered in the time it takes to fold a pair of his socks will multiply your love for your husband, much like the loaves and the fishes (Mark 6:30).

Your hands will work, your soul will pray. Pray and work, work and pray – it's an ancient Christian monastic practice associated with the Rule of Saint Benedict, in which the Abbot taught that the two actions of prayer and work are partners, constantly inspiring one another. Catholic author Chris Sullivan comments on this Benedictine principle in her article "Work and Prayer in the Style of St. Benedict":

Instead of wondering how to squeeze prayer into the busy schedule of our work days, we can adopt a new vision in which all that we do is the work of prayer. We consecrate to God the whole cycle of the day, from rising and drinking our morning coffee to carpools and meetings and classes and household responsibilities until we crawl into bed for sleep.

"Amen!" I say to that one, with my coffee cup in one hand and two mismatched, partnerless tube socks in the other. "Amen!"

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin**

Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: [frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com](mailto:frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com) or by phone: (806)499-3531.

**Baptism or Wedding** Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Umbarger:** Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

**FOR MASS INTENTIONS** please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

**Please pray for all the sick in our parishes**

**ST. MARY’S:** Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Jeanie Bartley, Dianna Donathon, Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino, Audree Rose Gomez, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Chris Adams

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Juanita of Idaho, Silvia Silva, Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Mario Soto, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa, Maryann Sosa, Martina Martin.

**The Office of the Victim’s assistance  
Coordinator for the Diocese of Amarillo**

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**Would you Like to attend an  
ACTS Retreat Weekend?**

Next Retreat: **June 6-9, 2019**  
**Women's Retreat**

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at: **[ACTSamarillo.org](http://ACTSamarillo.org)**

**Annual South Deanery Spring Meeting:** Catholic Women Caring for God’s Creation. Saturday, April, 13th. 8:30am to 1:00pm. Hosted by St. Teresa of Jesus Catholic Church Friona, Texas 401 W. 17th St.