

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, September 2		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, September 3	St. Gregory the Great	7 PM - Leonard & Helen Batenhorst	No Mass
Wed, September 4		8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Thu, September 5		8 AM - Prayer for Rain	7 PM -
Fri, September 6	First Friday of the Month	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, September 7		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, September 8	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
September 8, 2019	Kristi Batenhorst	Brynleigh Crockett Natalee Finke Caden Ramaekers	Terri Branum Suzy Hicks Jamie Pender	Christian Mothers & K of C Usher	Christian Mothers

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

Sign-up for Flocknotes: Text "umbarger" to 84576 or go to <https://stmaryumbarger.flocknote.com/everyone> to register your email.

CCD: Registration for CCD is still open. Please register your children to build a solid foundation for their faith.

We are searching for people to volunteer to help in all of our classes this year. Please let Fr. Grant know if you are willing to help.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: There will be a meeting and officer election on September 8th at 10:30 AM at the KC Hall. We invite all KC Members to join us in fellowship!

Festival Updates:

Sausage Chair Needed - Please consider donating your time and talent for the church. The Sausage Festival wouldn't be the same without sausage. Please contact Denise Schenk if you're interested.

Raffle Co-Chair Needed - Please Contact Jacob or Rachel Batenhorst if you're interested in bringing your creativity and effort for the Festival Raffle!

Sauerkraut Making: Clean & Set up for Kraut is September 20 at 4PM. Please come to the parish hall on Saturday, September 21 at 8 AM, to help us make sauerkraut. We hope to see you there!

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.

New Parish Cookbooks are in. \$15 per book. Please contact Debbie Batenhorst to get extra copies to sell.

When you need hope, turn to this prayer of St. Augustine

By Kathleen N. Hatstrup

This Act of Hope is widely attributed to St. Augustine. Let us turn to it, that we might grow in hope for the only thing we truly need:

For your mercies' sake, O Lord my God, tell me what you are to me. Say to my soul: "I am your salvation." So speak that I may hear, O Lord; my heart is listening; open it that it may hear you, and say to my soul: "I am your salvation."

After hearing this word, may I come in haste to take hold of you. Hide not your face from me. Let me see your face even if I die, lest I die with longing to see it.

The house of my soul is too small to receive you; let it be enlarged by you. It is all in ruins; do you repair it.

There are things in it – I confess and I know – that must offend your sight. But who shall cleanse it? Or to what others besides you shall I cry out?

From my secret sins cleanse me, O Lord, and from those of others spare your servant. Amen.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

5 Reasons to Stay Until the End of Mass

By Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble

Most of us have probably done it at least once or twice.

We make a beeline for the door with our heads down after receiving communion because we have something important to do.

We hope our pastor and friends won't notice. And perhaps they don't. But Someone does.

As a religious sister who has moved around quite a bit, I am surprised by how drastically different parishes in some areas of the country are from others. I am from Oklahoma and rarely see people leaving Mass early. I used to live in California, and in the parish I attended, people came late and sometimes left early. I am now in the northeast and am surprised by how many people leave Mass early. But these patterns also depend on the parish. It is an interesting phenomenon. An isolated incident is not that concerning to me. But when half the parishioners have disappeared to the parking lot before the closing song has ended, it makes my heart a little sad.

Sometimes I want to run after the people I see walking briskly out of church straight from the communion line and shake them and say, "You have Jesus inside you! Take a minute to talk to him, to thank him, to love him!"

Do you need some motivation to stay a little longer to attend the entire Mass? Do you know some other people who might?

Here are some reasons I stay until the end of Mass, (besides the fact that I am a nun and it would be scandalous if I ran out right after communion every Sunday):

1. **Communion Is About Communing:** When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.

2. **It's Not Nice to Be Rude:** Before Mass in the convent, we have a half hour of silent meditation on the Gospel. Sometimes I am late. I walk quickly in with my head down, embarrassed that everyone can see that I slept in. Recently, I realized that my motivation to be on time should not be to avoid embarrassment but because I am going to see Jesus. Why are we often more concerned with other people's reactions than we are with Jesus'?

We think, I have to run because I have so much to do, so-and-so is waiting for me! But why is it easy for us to leave early and come late when it is the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?

3. **Mass Is Not An Activity on a To-Do List:** Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.

4. **The Final Blessing Is Important:** On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense. When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel's message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home very disappointed. Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you wait for it?

5. **You Get MORE Grace:** According to the Catechism, "the fruits of the sacraments ... depend on the disposition of the one who receives them" (CCC 1128). There is a power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls and plays out in our lives depends on our disposition. If we are rushing out of church after communion, chances are our disposition is not such that we are reverentially aware of the amazing fact that we are consuming the body, blood, soul and divinity of God himself. It's heavy stuff. And it deserves a disposition of great respect, if only because we all need all the grace we can get

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.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: Marie Wieck, 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: Chuy Chaza, Cuy Amedery, Joaquin Saenz, Raul Granados, Matthew Chavez, Janie Ramirez, Betty Gonzales, 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.

Art Sale for The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ: Saturday, September 14 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Pastoral Center (4512 NE 24th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79107). You can fellowship with the Sisters, enjoy some refreshments & praise, view the artwork for sale and receive prayer. The art sale will range from \$2-\$600 and will include art books, sculptures, fine art along with hundreds of collectible friar figurines. All proceeds will go to help educate and form the Sisters in formation.

The Office of the Victim’s Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Amarillo

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Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?

Next Retreat: **October 17-20, 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

Save the Date:

The 22nd Annual Respect Life Banquet at 5 PM CT on September 15, 2019 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Tim Staples Director of Apologetics and Evangelization for Catholic Answers will be our keynote speaker. For more information, please call the Family Life Office at 806-414-1059.

Labor Day Picnic - Holy Family, Nazareth: Sept. 1 Nazareth Community Hall

10 AM Parade

11 AM Roast Beef Dinner: Adults \$10 Children up to 10: \$5

Bake Shoppe, Cow Patty Bingo, Adult Raffle

12 PM Children’s Games & Water Events

All Day Wristbands: 8+ \$10, 7 & younger \$5

1 PM Auction

Cornhole Tournament: Register by 5:30, starts at 6:30

5 PM Hamburger Supper: \$5 each

Live Music after Auction

Sunday, September 1, 2019

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time