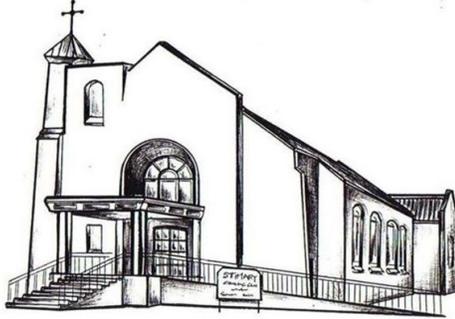


**St. Mary's**  
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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God	10 AM - Knights of Columbus	7 PM - Walt & Marla Davis
Tue, Jan 2	Sts Basil & Gregory	7 PM - Parish Council	No Mass
Wed, Jan 3	Most Holy Name of Jesus	8 AM + Marcus Handing	No Mass
Thu, Jan 4	St Elizabeth Ann Seton	8 AM - Christian Mothers	7 PM - Nicholas Joseph Reinart
Fri, Jan 5	St John Nuemann	8 AM - Vocations	No Mass
Sat, Jan 6	St Andre Bessette	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Jan 7	Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
January 1, 2018 Monday	Laurie Wegman	April Artho Jillian Johnson Chance Butcher	Melvin Wieck Robert Friemel Jamie Pender	Volunteers
January 7, 2018 Sunday	Suzy Hicks	Brylee Jesko Natalee Finke Brynleigh Crockett	Heath Henderson Danny Hicks Dustin Dorman	Volunteers

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10 AM  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend after mass  
**Question and Answers w/ Fr Christopher:**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the hall  
**CYO** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall  
**CCD:** Sundays at 10:15-11:30

**Holiday Schedule:** January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year but you are encouraged to start off the new year with this celebration. Mass on Jan 1 will be at 10 AM.

**Bible Study/Apologetics** Bible Study, Apologetic's and Social Group will resume after the holidays. We will publish the date when the group will meet again.

**CYO Pancake/Sausage Breakfast!** Every 3rd Sunday of the month. Adults \$5, Kids \$3, under 5 eat free. Family limit: \$20. This is our primary fundraiser for the CYO. Thank you for your support.

**CCD Holiday Schedule:** There will be no CCD on December 31st for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

**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 Christopher.

**St Mary's Vocations Chalice:** Sign-up to take the chalice home on the parish website (Liturgy/Vocations Chalice tab) or by filling out one of the cards found in the narthex and placing it in the collection.

**Buff-A Food Pantry:** Christian Mothers are still taking donation of food items to support this Corporal Work of Mercy. Shelf stable protein items are always needed and can be dropped off in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be given to Fr. Christopher.

**Parish Finances Dec 24**  
 Regular: \$1,519

**There will be no breakfast** on Dec 31

**Adoration:** Jesus is waiting, offer him your joy and gratitude, your pain and sorrow in adoration. See what happens when you commit to spend time with Jesus. To sign up for an adoration time call Debbie at 499-3543.

**St. Mary's Christian Mothers** will be collecting items for a baby Layette to be given to the Amarillo Agency for Women. Bring Items to the parish hall after Mass.

**Holy Name of Jesus**

**Parish Finances**

Collection 12/16: \$53  
 Christmas Collection: \$127  
 Tamales: \$1,371  
 Raffle: \$3,571

**Parish Schedule:** 1st Saturday of the month - Mass followed by parish meeting

2nd Saturday - Mass & anointing of the sick  
 3rd Saturday - adult formation & Mass.  
 4th Saturday - Adoration & Mass  
 5th Saturday - Mass & potluck dinner

**Calendario Parroquial:**

Primer sábado - Misa seguida de la reunión parroquial  
 Segundo sábado - Misa y la unción de los enfermos  
 Tercer sábado - formación de adultos y la misa.  
 Cuarto sábado - Adoración del Santísimo y la Misa  
 Quinto sábado - Misa y una cena compartida

**Holiday Schedule:** January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year but you are encouraged to start off the new year with this celebration. There will only be one Mass on Jan 1 at 7 PM in Umbarger.

Horario de días festivos: El 1 de enero es la solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, sino este año no es un Día de Obligación Sagrada, pero se le anima a comenzar el año nuevo con esta celebración. Solo habrá una misa el 1 de enero a las 7 PM. en Happy.

**Mary, Mother of God**

The iconic Christmas image of Mary holding her infant Son embodies the mystery of the Lord's birth, as it brings together the human and divine elements of the Incarnation. And yet, in honoring Mary as the Mother of God, we are also invited to consider another image: the Mother cradling the body of her murdered Son. The same arms which held the Prince of Peace in a stable in Bethlehem received body of the crucified Savior of the world on a hill outside of Jerusalem. The Son of this Mother is the true source of peace among nations, within families and communities, and in the deepest recesses of our hearts.

As I reflect on this mystery, I'm reminded of the words of my favorite Christmas carol: I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus my Savior did come for to die. For poor orn'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King.

For me, the words of this carol—adapted by John Jacob Niles from an Appalachian folk song—help to break open the full meaning of Christmas: the gift of a Savior, fulfilling the promises that God had made to our ancestors. They also challenge us to remember that in celebrating the Incarnation at Christmas, we are also celebrating the full life of Christ, including his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

In his Message for the World Day of Peace (also observed on January 1), Pope Francis speaks of the violence that plagues the world today: “Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart.” And it was in the depths of her heart that Mary contemplated everything that was happening to her and her Son. She maintained this contemplative stance throughout her life and she found peace in her contemplation and prayer. And, as Sister Barbara Reid, O.P., has reflected, “A fundamental attitude for bringing to birth God’s dream of peace for us is to live like Mary, in contemplative wonder, dwelling in mystery, trusting in the ways of the Holy One” (from Abiding Word: Year A).

As we celebrate this great feast of the Mother of God, we are ultimately being asked to join Mary in contemplating the gift of her Son and allowing the grace of these holy days to change us, so that the Prince of Peace may reign in our hearts and in our world.

How does the example of Mary invite you to reflect on how God is at work in your life?

How does the full life of Jesus, including his sacrifice on the Cross, help shape your celebration of Christmas?

What can steps can you take to help make “God’s dream for peace” more of a reality in your home and community?

Words of Wisdom:

A Prayer for Peace –  
 Mother,

you who know what it means  
 to clasp in your arms the dead body of your Son,  
 of him to whom you gave birth,  
 spare all mothers on this earth  
 the death of their sons,  
 the torments, the slavery, the destruction of war,  
 the persecutions, the concentration camps,  
 the prisons!

Keep for them the joy of birth,  
 of sustenance, of the development of man  
 and of his life.

In the name of this life,  
 in the name of the birth of the Lord,  
 implore with us peace,  
 and justice in the world!

Mother of Peace,  
 in all the beauty and majesty of your motherhood,  
 which the Church exalts and the world admires,  
 we pray to you:

Be with us at every moment!

Let this New Year be a year of peace,  
 in virtue of the birth and the death of your Son! Amen.

—Pope Saint John Paul II, January 1, 1978

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES** – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. For St Mary's please contact Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com. For Holy Name of Jesus please contact Fr. Christopher s.c.schwind@gmail.com

**Baptism or Wedding** Please contact Fr. Christopher 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. Christopher or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

**FOR MASS INTENTIONS** please call Fr Christopher or leave the intention in the collection basket.

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

**ST. MARY'S:** Grace Vanderford (Bill & Frances Dorsey's granddaughter), Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino (Jose's & Ali's granddaughter), Audree Rose Gomez (Jeff & Faunette Stocker's granddaughter), Patsy Huseman, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz (Cheile Ortiz's sister), Gaylord Malecha, Willie Wieck

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Larry Simons, Mario Soto, Petra Soto



**Natural Family Planning (NFP).** Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://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.

[Annual Respect Life Mass and Walk](#)

The annual Respect Life Mass and Walk, beginning 10 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral and continuing after Mass to Sanborn Park. "...the community of believers was of One Heart and One Mind.." -Acts 4:32

**Annual Student Center Dinner/Auction**

Tickets are on sale now for the dinner and raffle! This year we are raffling a trip to Vegas or \$2500. For tickets see Fr. Christopher.

**Christopher West** noted speaker on the St John Paul II's Theology of the Body will be making a presentation at St. Mary's Cathedral on March 22. Tickets are \$20/person. See Fr. Christopher for more information.