

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



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| Mass Schedule | | | |
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| | | Umbarger | Happy |
| Mon, Aug 27 | St. Monica | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue, Aug 28 | St. Augustine | 7 PM - In Thanksgiving for Bruce & Sherri Hartman | No Mass |
| Wed, Aug 29 | The Passion of John The Baptist | 8 AM - Gaylord Malecha | No Mass |
| Thu, Aug 30 | | 8 AM - Catholic Life Insurance | 7 PM - Richard Phelan |
| Fri, Aug 31 | | 8 AM - Frank Cady | No Mass |
| Sat, Sep 1 | | No Mass | 5:30 PM - Parish Family |
| Sun, Sep 2 | 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | 9:00 AM - Parish Family | No Mass |

ST. MARY'S

| Date | Lector | Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Usher |
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| September 2, 2018 | Robert Friemel | Kyle Guerrero Brylee Jesko Charles Russell | Dustin Artho Rick Auckerman Mike Wegman | Walt Davis |

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

First day of CCD begins August 26th

Christian Mothers is seeking anyone interested in creating and/or submitting recipes for a new parish cookbook. Start thinking about recipes for all categories. Also think of recipes for feeding a crowd.

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.

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.

Bible Study, apologetics and fellowship at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home every Thursday at 7:00 PM. **Classes will resume September 13th.**
 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, **806-290-0734.**

Umbarger Sausage Festival

Sauerkraut: September 22, 2018

Mark you calendars for this fun parish event. Contact Mike or Laurie Wegman for more information.

Prayer to St. Maria Goretti for the healing of those who've suffered sexual abuse
By Philip Kosloski

Let us pray for the healing of those who have been deeply wounded and for the conversion of all those involved.

Dear God, we ask you to help all those who suffer from abuse. Help them find healing and peace in their lives. May Maria Goretti, who was strengthened by Your Grace, join with us in prayer for the healing of all victims of abuse, particularly those abused as children or young adults.

Grant us your Love that we might reach out to them in Your Name with hope in times of trial. As Maria prayed for her attacker, grant us the grace to pray for the true conversion of all involved with the abuse: that they might seek Your Mercy through prayer and penance.

Loving God, pour into our hearts and lives your healing Spirit, that the sacredness of every human person might be respected and protected as the precious image of God. Help us to live in the peace which Maria Goretti had found in Christ and in the love of his mother Mary.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Name of Jesus

Parish Finances August 19, 2018

Regular Collection: \$82

Our Lord asks you this question, and is waiting for your answer

By Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

This Sunday marks the end of a series of readings from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John that is commonly known as the “Bread of Life Discourse.” Over the past several Sundays we heard about how Jesus fed a vast crowd with only five small loaves of bread and a few fish and his teachings about the “living bread from heaven” that is the source of eternal life.

Finally, last Sunday, in a great climax, we heard Jesus declare that this “living bread” is his own body: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink” (John 6:54-55).

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we learn how many of Jesus’ followers responded to his words. St. John simply says, “As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” What a sad and decisive moment.

Like the women and men in that crowd, our lives are filled with choices. This holds true of our faith-life, as well. Although we might not think much about it, choices are a difficult reality because with every choice comes consequences. By committing ourselves to one choice—like extending or accepting a marriage proposal, being open to the gift of children, entering religious life, or simply making prayer a part of our daily lives—we are also choosing to let go of other options. This happens in countless ways—big and small—throughout our lives.

The most serious choice we can make in life, however, is our decision to follow Christ. And this choice, like every other, also has consequences for the way we live our lives.

To choose to believe in Jesus and his teachings—including our belief that he is truly our

Bread of Life—means to follow him in every aspect of our lives. There is no part of our life that can be compartmentalized or kept separate from the grace he offers or the demands that discipleship places upon us. Just like the crowd in this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus asks us if we will stay with him or if we will chose another path. Every day provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to follow him. This is most especially true when we choose to receive the Eucharist—the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Eucharist, we recognize that Jesus has chosen to remain with us, nourishing and healing us, and giving us all of himself. In the Eucharist, we find the strength to say yes, again and again, to the Lord’s invitation to follow him.

Choosing to follow Jesus and to live according to his teachings means opening up our hearts to something new. Jesus was offering words that were “eternal life,” but the people in the crowd weren’t able to let go of their ideas about who Jesus was and what he was able to offer them. The words of this Sunday’s Gospel remind us that when we make the commitment that comes with choosing to stay with Jesus and to live as he wants us to, we can become like Jesus and, like him, we will be graced with the courage and love we need to offer all of our lives for God and for the good of all those around us.

How do you hear Jesus asking you to stay with him? How do you encourage others to stay when they might be tempted to walk away from God or from the life of the Church?

What does receiving the Eucharist mean for your daily life?

How do you allow the Eucharist and the life-giving words of Jesus to inspire you to live for God and others?

Words of Wisdom: “Will you also go away? This disturbing provocation resounds in our hearts and expects a personal answer from each one; it is a question addressed to each one of us. Jesus is not content with superficial and formal belonging, a first and enthusiastic adherence is not enough for him; on the contrary, what is necessary is to take part for one’s whole life ‘in his thinking and in his willing.’ Following him fills our hearts with joy and gives full meaning to our existence, but it entails difficulties and sacrifices because very often we must swim against the tide.”—Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus, August 23, 2009)

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 Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com.

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.

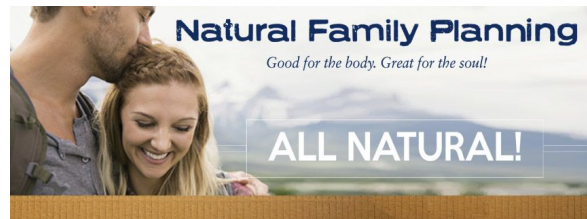
To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

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

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY’S: Mary Beth Sayers, Marie Wieck, Jeanie Bartley, Emma Weid, 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, Patsy Huseman, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, Willie Wieck, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Darrol Adams, Chris Adams, Misty Vasquez

Holy Name of Jesus: Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa



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.

**Upcoming Events Sponsored by
Diocese of Amarillo
Office of Family Life**

Beginning Experience Retreat – October 26-28th - what if the worst thing you think could happen does and you are widowed, separated, or divorced? How do you cope with the grief, loss and pain? You do not have to suffer alone.

**Call about Beginning experience today
806-383-1811**

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

Next Retreat: **Women’s Retreat October 11-14, 2018**

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

