

Saint Ann's

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This Week at St. Ann's October 22 - October 28

(Any unanticipated changes to this schedule will be announced through Flocknote.)

Monday, October 22

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, October 23

No Mass Today - Priests' Study Days in Amarillo

7:00 p.m. Ladies' Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Alfred Buecker)

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, October 25

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Gaylord Malecha)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, October 26

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Karen Berry)

2:00 p.m. Funeral Mass - Mildred Palmentera

Saturday, October 27

No Confessions Today - Fr. Busch at a school event

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Willie Wieck)

Sunday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Dcn. August Hesse)

9:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the People of God)

12:30 p.m. RCIA

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation Session

Upcoming Events

October 29 Fallback Planning Meeting
 October 30 Parish Council Meeting
 October 31 Halloween Carnival
 November 1 All Saints' Day
 November 3 Fallback Festival Dinner & Dance

The Pastor's Corner

Since the first week of October, bishops from around the world have been meeting in Rome for a synod on youth and young adults. A synod is a gathering of a representative group of the world's bishops, while an ecumenical council is a gathering of all bishops. Synods take place every three years, while ecumenical councils are called by the pope only occasionally. (The last ecumenical council was Vatican Council II, which convened from 1962-1965.) At this year's synod, bishops are discussing ways for the Church to minister more effectively to youth and young adults, as well as how the Church can be more responsive to the concerns and values of young people. One of the consistent themes during the course of this synod seems to be the importance of the Church accompanying youth and young adults - reaching out to them by meeting them where they are and walking with them. Bishop Robert Barron (one of the elected representatives from the United States) suggested that the approach of Jesus in the Emmaus story from Luke 24 ought to serve as the model for the Church's ministry with young people. In that passage, Jesus walks alongside the two disciples who are travelling to Emmaus and listens to them, without any hint of judgment or condemnation. During the course of the conversation, Jesus proposes to the disciples new ways of understanding and interpreting the experiences they have had, helping to expand their ways of thinking, but without being overly authoritarian or didactic. It seems to me that the approach of Jesus in this story points us towards how best to be the Church not only with young people, but with everyone - not waiting for them to come to us, but meeting them where they are, and then listening carefully to their stories and experiences before any attempt to share with them new ways of thinking and living. That's incarnational ministry at its best. It's the difference between gently accompanying people and "lording it over" people (which Jesus dismissed as fundamentally ungodlike!).

All Saints' Day

Just a reminder that Thursday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints - a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. We will celebrate the Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church on that day.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for October 27-28

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Mark Reinart
8:30 a.m. Melinda Rozario
11:15 a.m. Mark Porter

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Bret Ramirez, David Eck, Drew Huddleston
8:30 a.m. Derrick Martin, James & Mia Saldivar
11:15 a.m. Hayden McClanahan, Nick & Easton Stocker

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Tammy Ramaekers, John Block
8:30 a.m. Jonathan & Amanda Lawson, Cindy Cross,
Cheryl Rickwartz, Ron & Nancy Railsback
11:15 a.m. Geri Russell, Agnes Posadas, Glenn Backus,
Cortni Hudspeth, Cindy Rohrbach,
Stefani Wilhelm

Ushers

5:00 p.m. *Larry Ramaekers, Keith Dietz
8:30 a.m. *Mike Smith, Kevin Rickwartz, Kendall Karr,
Roger Cross
11:15 a.m. *Robert Posadas, Bill Bowen, Bill Stocker,
Manuel Vega

** Usher to select gift bearers*

Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Burkleigh Hund
8:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Mitchell Hernandez
11:15 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Marcella Crabtree, Choir

Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell
11:15 a.m. Cassi Hernandez, Adelina Ohmes

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Larry Ramaekers, Kevin Rickwartz, Bruce Clarke*

Around the Parish...

Youth Ministry - All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us this Wednesday for Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by a beef stew meal prepared by members of the St. Therese Circle. After dinner, high school students will break into our men's and women's study groups and intermediate/junior high students will have a discussion about how they can help the poor this winter. See you there!

Halloween Carnival - All children of the parish (and their adult family members) are invited to join us for an evening of games, food, and prizes on Wednesday, October 31, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be costume contests for three different age groups (infant - K; grades 1-4; and grades 5-12). Hot dogs, nachos, and frito pie will be served. This event is sponsored by the youth of our parish. There is no charge, but cash donations will be accepted.

Confirmation Preparation - Students in 8th grade (or older) who have been enrolled in and attending faith formation classes for at least the past two years are invited to join us for an orientation session for our new Confirmation preparation program. We will meet next Sunday (October 28) at 6:30 p.m. in classroom #1. Parents should also attend this meeting. Attendance is required for those who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation this spring. See you there!

Parish Council - The St. Ann's Parish Council will meet next Tuesday (October 30) at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C.

Czech Sausage Dinner - We still need a new chair and a new raffle chair for our annual Czech Sausage Dinner in March! This event cannot happen without someone stepping forward to serve. If we do not find a new chair by the end of this month, we will be forced to cancel this year's dinner. Please call the parish office ASAP if you are willing to take on this responsibility!

Fallback Dinner and Dance

Tickets to our annual Fallback Festival are on sale now. The cost is \$75 per couple, which includes a steak dinner for two, dancing, and entry in the reverse raffle for five great prizes, including a \$5,000 MasterCard gift card. Join us for an evening of great food and fun!

Stewardship of Treasure

October 13-14: \$9,460.02 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)
Month of October: \$17,652.27 (Budget: \$36,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Catholics' Corner

Most of us probably like it when someone helps us out or does something nice for us.

But as followers of Jesus, our main goal should not be getting others to help us, but finding ways that we can help and serve others.

Jesus spent his life more concerned about others than about himself.

We should try to imitate him by looking for opportunities to reach out to others with love, kindness, and generosity.



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