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Pastor's Corner

To my knowledge, the recent documentary film on Pope Francis ("Pope Francis - A Man of His Word") never made it to movie theatres in Amarillo. If it did, I missed it. So I've only seen brief excerpts from the film, which features the pope speaking directly to the camera on a wide variety of subjects. One of those topics is related to something that Jesus says in this weekend's Gospel text: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31). Commenting on the necessity of practicing Sabbath rest in our lives, Pope Francis states bluntly, "We are not machines." Of course, that seems pretty obvious. But, unfortunately, we live in a society that I think increasingly treats us as if we were machines, viewing human beings and our worth in terms of what we can do or produce, rather than simply who we are. While our work certainly is one of the ways that we can contribute to the building up of the Kingdom of God in our world, work is not our only - or even our primary - concern as human beings. We are so much more than the work we accomplish. Yet, too often, we allow our work to define who we are and to absorb way too much of our time and energy. And that's not completely our fault as individuals, because we live in a broken world that in many ways forces us to exist merely as "workers." So perhaps remembering the pope's simple observation ("We are not machines!") from time to time might help us to heed Christ's call to "rest a while" as we seek to embrace what it means to be truly and fully human.

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I will be headed to MD Anderson in Houston this afternoon for a series of scans and procedures before my next round of treatment begins there next week. I will be participating in an immunotherapy/vaccine trial for which they have had "very encouraging" results. I will be in Houston through Wednesday night and then will return there next Monday. After that, I will travel there once every four weeks for treatment. Please pray for good scan results and a successful start to this phase of my treatment (and for safe travel!).

Stewardship of Treasure

July 7-8: \$8,248.76 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)
Month of July: \$28,042.71 (Budget: \$45,000)
Church in Africa: \$1,396.16
 Thank you for your generosity!

This Week at St. Ann's July 23 - 29

Note: Any unanticipated changes to the daily Mass schedule will be communicated through Flocknote.

Monday, July 23

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, July 24

No Mass Today - Fr. Busch is in Houston

Wednesday, July 25

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 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, July 26

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Hector Hernandez)

Friday, July 27

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Drew Friemel)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 28

2:00 p.m. Jessica Martinez/Jordan Duncan
 Wedding
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Hubert Oppe)

Sunday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Lewie Raef Family)
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the People of God)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Picnic at Lois Rice Pavilion
 at Conner Park
 8:00 p.m. Parish Pool Party at Canyon Aqua
 Park

Upcoming Events

August 18 Intermediate/Middle School Trip
 to Adrenaline City in Lubbock

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for July 28-29

Lectors

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

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Harper Miller, Derrick Martin, River Johnson
8:30 a.m. Russell Trask, Connor & Kason Sperry
11:15 a.m. Luke Rickwartz, Nick & Easton Stocker

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Jinger Mitchell, Tammy Ramaekers
8:30 a.m. Roger & Cindy Cross, Robin Crawford,
Jonathan Lawson, Cliff & Angie Lawson
11:15 a.m. LeAnne Vogel, Darlene Fetsch, Joe Roder,
Debbie Vega, Agnes Posadas, Juanita Ruiz

Ushers

5:00 p.m. *Larry Ramaekers, Mark Hall
8:30 a.m. *Mike Trask, Carl Coffelt, Marcelo Ruiz,
Kevin Rickwartz
11:15 a.m. *Wayne Davis, Martin Lopez,
Robert Posadas, Tony Kline

* Usher to select gift bearers

Accompanists/Cantors

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

Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell
11:15 a.m. Valorie Cuellar, Adelina Ohmes

Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Terry & Rhonda Melugin, Donna Almond

Around the Diocese...

Men's ACTS Retreat - August 9-12. The registration deadline is July 26. Registration forms are available on the glass table in the narthex or online at actsamarillo.org.

Come and See Ministry Conference - A day-long liturgical and catechetical conference, sponsored by the diocesan Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in partnership with Oregon Catholic Press and Loyola Press, will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All catechists, youth ministers, RCIA team members, and liturgical ministers are encouraged to attend. The parish will pay the registration fee for those who pre-register. Registration forms (available on the glass table in the narthex or in the parish office) must be completed and returned to the parish office by Thursday, August 2.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy Calendar Party - Friday, August 24, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo. \$50 per person, includes a steak dinner and dancing. Debbie Zermeno is hosting the November table! Call Rebecca Vincent at 806-570-9578 for tickets.

Around the Parish...

Youth Ministry - Students entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evening for a trip to the diocesan museum in Amarillo. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall and return around 8:00 p.m. There will be no Mass or meal this Wednesday evening, so please eat beforehand. We have finally decided on a date for the intermediate/middle school trip to Adrenaline City in Lubbock. We have reserved the facility from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18 (the first Saturday after school begins). We will need adult sponsors who can provide transportation and chaperone. More details will follow in a couple of weeks, but we will probably leave mid-to-late morning, eat lunch in Lubbock, and enjoy the afternoon at Adrenaline City before returning that evening. Mark the date on your calendars!

Parish Feast Day - The Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne is this Thursday (July 26). We will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Parish Picnic/Pool Party - Our annual summer parish picnic and pool party is scheduled for next Sunday evening (July 29). Food will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lois Rice Pavilion at Conner Park and the Canyon Aqua Park will be open from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us! Burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided by the parish. Parishioners should bring a side dish or dessert (that will survive the heat!) to share with others.

I ♥ Canyon - Thanks to our parishioners who have provided school supplies for the 100 backpacks we have promised to fill. So far, we have about 25 backpacks filled, so we have a long way to go before Friday, August 3. Please consider picking up a school supply list from the glass table in the narthex and dropping the school supplies off at our parish office. If you would like to volunteer at this year's event (Wednesday, August 8), please complete the registration process online at www.iheartcanyon.com. You can volunteer to serve in a number of areas and all volunteers are expected to attend the rally on Tuesday evening, August 7, to receive instructions. The deadline for registering as a volunteer is next Sunday (July 29).



Congratulations to Adalyn Jayne Cross, the daughter of Reece and Whitney Cross, who is being baptized this weekend. May she grow in wisdom and grace!

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84/Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145/Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15

