

# Saint Ann's

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## This Week at St. Ann's September 24 - September 30

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

### Monday, September 24

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00 p.m. Fallback Committee Chair Meeting

### Tuesday, September 25

No Mass Today - Fr. Busch in Houston  
 7:00 p.m. Ladies' Board Meeting

### Wednesday, September 26

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For Souls in Purgatory)  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

### Thursday, September 27

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For All Living & Deceased of  
 Catholic Life Members)  
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday, September 28

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Antonia Acosta)

### Saturday, September 29

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For the Leon Schilling Family)

### Sunday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Judy Monthaven)  
 9:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes  
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For the People of God)

## The Pastor's Corner

As Election Day draws near, social media seems increasingly inundated with negative posts about various political candidates. Actually, the word “negative” is probably much too mild to describe some of what I have seen and read. Vicious and mean-spirited might be more apt descriptions... not to mention misleading, distorted, or downright false. And these posts originate from both sides of the political spectrum! Neither Democrats nor Republicans, liberals nor conservatives have clean hands when it comes to disseminating half-truths and inflammatory rhetoric in the service of their cause. As Catholic Christians, however - no matter our political perspective - we ought to strive to avoid contributing to the spread of what in many ways amounts to unsubstantiated gossip. For the past several weeks, we have been reading through the Letter of James at our Sunday liturgies. In the third chapter of this epistle, the sacred writer tackles head on the evil of an untamed tongue... and it doesn't take too much reflection to translate this first-century admonition into our own 21st-century context. “Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire” (Jas 3:5-6). As disciples of Christ, you and I are charged with being witnesses to the truth in charity. And that means before we speak, write, text, or post, our words must pass two tests: is it true and is it charitable? Answering the first of these questions requires doing some homework; answering the second necessitates a gracious spirit. There is no question that we Catholic Christians have much to contribute to political debate in our society... but when we do so, it must be in a manner far different from much of the rancor that passes for legitimate discourse in today's society. As the Letter of James has been reminding us for several weeks now, we who form the Church are called to stand apart from our culture, which means that even our social media posts and comments ought to have a different tone and spirit about them, so that those who read them will be able to identify us first and foremost not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Christians!

## Stewardship of Treasure

September 15-16: \$7,883.94 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)  
 Month of September: \$26,587.12 (Budget: \$45,000)  
 Catholic Charities: \$1,549.66

Thank you for your generosity!



**Congratulations** to Grant Schulte, the son of Jaret and Cassie Schulte, who is being baptized this weekend. May he grow in wisdom and grace!

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for September 29-30

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Mark Reinart  
8:30 a.m. Brittany Block  
11:15 a.m. Mark Porter

### Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Ben Zotter, Michael & Sophia Hall  
8:30 a.m. Erin Chado, Camden & Kason Sperry  
11:15 a.m. Luke Rickwartz, Zach Knox, David Eck

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Jinger Mitchell, Chris Hall  
8:30 a.m. Jennifer Sperry, Robin Crawford, John Block,  
Roger & Cindy Cross, Phillip Birkenfeld  
11:15 a.m. LeAnne Vogel, Ramon Pacheco, Tori Klose,  
Anna Gutierrez, Juanita Ruiz, Joe Roder

### Ushers

5:00 p.m. \*Bruce Hartman, Ken Giromini  
8:30 a.m. \*Carl Coffelt, Troy Ducheneaux,  
Marcelo Ruiz, Boyd Fortin  
11:15 a.m. \*Wayne Davis, David Rohrbach, Tony Kline,  
Andy Moeder

\* Usher to select gift bearers

### Accompanists/Cantors

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

### Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell  
11:15 a.m. Allison Fetsch, Adelina Ohmes

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

## Around the Parish...

**Youth Ministry** - All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us this Wednesday evening for Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by a taco-stuffed pasta shell meal provided by members of the Ss. Ann and Joachim Circle. After we eat, intermediate and junior high students will have a game night, while high school students enjoy an evening of bowling (until 8:30 p.m.) at the WTAMU Activities Center. See you there!

**Fallback Dinner and Dance** - Our annual Fallback dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3. Tickets will go on sale soon for \$75 per couple. Committee chairs will meet this Monday (September 24) at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C. We still need a few volunteers to serve as committee co-chairs. If you're interested, please call the parish office ASAP or attend Monday's meeting.

**School Fundraisers** - Students from our parish who attend St. Joseph School and St. Mary's Cathedral School in Amarillo will be selling raffle tickets for their school carnivals this weekend (St. Joseph School) and next weekend (St. Mary's School) after all Masses. Please be generous in your support of Catholic education!

**Come and See Evening** - Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith is invited to join us on Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C for an informal "Come and See" evening. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the process of becoming Catholic.

**Blessing of Pets** - A special blessing of pets and other animals will take place in the parking lot (in front of the parish hall) on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals (Thursday, October 4) at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us for this annual blessing!

**Czech Sausage Dinner** - We need a new chair and a new raffle chair for our annual Czech Sausage Dinner in March! Please consider serving in one of these two positions. The sausage dinner cannot happen without the help of lots of volunteers to organize the event! Please call the parish office ASAP if you are willing to help!

## Around the Diocese...

**Red Mass** - Tuesday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Red Mass is the annual Mass invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance for all members of the legal and judicial professions. A reception will follow the Mass.

## Young Catholics' Corner

One day, the followers of Jesus were arguing about which of them was the most important. Jesus told them that the most important person is the one who is willing to serve others.

Then he took a child and said,

"Whoever welcomes a child like this, welcomes me."

When Jesus lived, children were not considered to be very important.

So Jesus was helping his followers to understand that serving others means reaching out and helping those who are often overlooked or forgotten about in the world around us. We can pray, "Jesus, help us to see and serve those whom others ignore."

