Leading Off

Amarillo—The final day of the 37th annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo takes place today (Sunday) on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1210 SE 11th Ave.

The theme of this year’s celebration is Today’s Stewards for Tomorrow’s Disciples.

The gates open at noon. There will be food booths featuring Mexican food and other food items that have made Las Fiestas famous since the inaugural celebration in 1981. There will be beverages for all ages, game booths for the kids, a silent auction and live entertainment.

Tickets are on sale for a raffle taking place in conjunction with Las Fiestas. Top prize is a $5,000 VISA Gift Card.

Second prize is a $1,000 VISA Gift Card and third prize is a $500 VISA Gift Card. Fourth and fifth prizes are $250 VISA Gift Cards. The drawing will take place later this evening.

Tickets are $5.00 each and can be purchased at the fiestas.

Admission to Las Fiestas de Amarillo is free today until 4:00pm; from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, admission is $5.00 per person. After 7:00pm, admission is $10.00 per person.

Proceeds from the annual event will go toward the needs of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and toward paying off the Parish Family Center, which was blessed and dedicated on March 19, 2014.

Amarillo—The Diocesan Pastoral Center will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 15 in observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Pastoral Center will reopen Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 9:00am.

Registration Deadline Nearing For Aug. 5 Faith Formation Conference

Amarillo—Friday, July 21 is the deadline to register for the eighth annual Diocesan Faith Formation Conference. This year’s conference is set for Saturday, Aug. 5 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

“This conference is for all parish leadership, evangelizers, catechists and teachers, parents, liturgical ministers, RCIA teams, Faith growth groups, those involved in the Fifth National Encuentro process of Hispanic/Latino Ministry at the parish or diocesan level and anyone striving to live as a missionary disciple,” said School Sister of Notre Dame Sister María Elena Ferrer, diocesan Coordinator of Faith Formation.

Registration begins at 8:15am, with the conference opening at 9:20. Sister María Elena will welcome attendees, with Bishop Patrick J. Zurek leading Morning Prayer.

After Morning Prayer, Bishop Zurek will speak to attendees, followed by presentations from two keynote speakers—Deacon Arthur Miller from the Diocese of Hartford, Conn., who will offer his presentation in English and School Sister of Notre Dame Sister Marie Dolorette Farias, who will present her talk in Spanish.

Deacon Miller is a spiritual director and nationally known preacher of God’s Holy Scripture. He has traveled throughout the United States raising the need for conversion to “Radical Love,” the kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Sister Dolorette is a spiritual director and is passionate about evangelization and catechesis. She has ministered throughout the Southwest sharing the truth of our Catholic Faith and assisting women and men in their development as evangelizers and catechists.

The theme of this year’s Conference is Living as Missionary Disciples, which is also the theme for Catechetical Sunday in September. The theme of the morning presentation is Call to be Missionary Disciples. The afternoon portion of the conference will focus on the theme Practical Ways of Living as Missionary Disciples. Additional information and conference registration can be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org. For more information, please contact Sister María Elena at 383-2243, ext. 113.

Two Catholic School Events Scheduled In August

Back To School: The Rally, Aug. 13

Amarillo—Holy Cross Catholic Academy will host the inaugural Back to School: The Rally Sunday, Aug. 13 in the backyard of St. Joseph School and Church at 4118 and 4122 South Bonham.

Students from St. Joseph School and St. Mary’s Cathedral School are invited to take part in the day-long event, as are current students and alumni from Holy Cross. In lieu of an admission fee, donations will be accepted for cost of admission.

Those planning class reunions are asked to plan those reunions around the Back to School: The Rally. Activities begin at 10:00 with a Volleyball Tournament. Teams wishing to participate are asked to pay a $25 fee.

From 11:00am to 6:00pm, there will be bouncers, face painting, food trucks and a variety of games for old and young.

At 6:15, there will be a Pep Rally, featuring recognition of alumni and introductions of the 2017 Mustang football team and the 2017 Lady Mustang volleyball team. The pep rally will be followed by a concert by The Thirsting, a cutting edge Catholic band, which is scheduled to end at 8:30.

Hailing from Portland, Ore., The Thirsting is under the direction of Daniel Oberreuter. The group proclaims the truths of the Catholic Faith from Confession, and the Eucharist, to the Trinity, and Mary—all while rivaling secular acts in energy and emotion.

The group has released two self-produced albums, Companions of the Lamb and Universal Youth.

For additional information or to sign up a volleyball team or plan a class reunion, please contact Michele Ronquillo at 806-316-6418 or Rebecca Vincent at 806-570-9578.

Holy Cross Calendar Party Aug. 25

Amarillo—The inaugural Calendar Party to benefit Holy Cross Catholic Academy is set for Friday, Aug. 25, beginning at 6:30pm in the gymnasium at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter.

Cost is $50 per person and VIP tables are available at $800 each, according to organizer Rebecca Vincent.

Following Social Hour at 6:30, a meal will be served at 7:00. The evening will include a silent auction, one large raffle item, Calcutta tables and special entertainment provided by the HCCA faculty and staff and some diocesan priests. There will also be a dance with music provided by Lee Sheets and Borderline.

What is a Calendar Party?

“‘There will be large tables, one for each month of the year,’” said Vincent. “Each month will also have a VIP table available. Each table will be hosted by a group of people, who will be responsible for selecting a month and appropriate theme, providing table decorations, selling tickets for that table and/or selling tickets for a VIP table. The group will also be responsible for planning, preparing and serving an appetizer and a dessert fitting the table’s theme for those sitting at the table and/or VIP table.”

Vincent added that the appetizer and dessert for each table will have to be prepared prior to arriving at the calendar party.

“We encourage guests to dress according to the theme of the table and there will be a prize for the best table,” she added.

For additional information or further clarification about the Calendar Party or to purchase a VIP table, please contact Vincent at 806-570-9578.
Facilities Management/Loss Prevention

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for a Facilities Management/Loss Prevention position. This position will conduct annual inspections of all properties in the diocese and advise on ways to improve safety and property maintenance. This person will also assist the Loss Prevention Office with insurance claims preparation. A background in construction is a plus. Please send inquiries/resumes to pwhitson@dioama.org.

Bishop’s Conversation

The West Texas Catholic: Bishop Zurek, you recently spent some time in Rome. I want to ask you about the spiritual side of that trip.

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek: The trip originated because of some work I needed to do, but I never go to Rome without two other components. The second always is high on the list: Spirituality and my prayers for the people of the diocese. Also, Italy is Italy, a little pasta and a little wine is also very nice. As we record this conversation on June 29, this happens to be my anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I was ordained 42 years ago by Pope Paul VI in St. Peter’s Square. I have been imbued in many ways with the feast on which I was ordained, SS. Peter and Paul. My recollection of first coming to Rome in August, 47 years ago was the very first thing we did when we arrived in Rome was not to go to the seminary but to go to St. Peter’s to pray at the tomb of St. Peter. Our seminary is in the shadow of the Dome of St. Peter, so to speak. The next day we went to St. John Lateran and then to the Cathedral and to St. Paul Outside the Wall where St. Paul was buried. We prayed there to St. Paul. All my years of formation centered around these two major saints: Peter who was in charge of the evangelization of the Jewish people, preaching the Gospel to them, and St. Paul who evangelized the Gentiles.

Let’s get back to spirituality. Every time I return to Rome, I have a ritual and the ritual involves obviously St. Peter’s. I go to the tomb of St. John Paul II first, because it is the closest to the entrance and I pray at the tomb. The second tomb I visit is that of St. John the XXIII, who convened the Second Vatican Council. The third one, I go to the crypt and pray at the tomb of Blessed Paul VI who ordained me. I end by going to the Wall where the bones of St. Peter are in a small box at his shrine and I pray to St. Peter. This is what I pray for. I always begin with a prayer for myself, that I be worthy of the ministry that I have, that I be effective in my office as bishop. I always remember that I am not ordained for a specific diocese, but that I must share with brother bishops and the Holy Father in the governance of the Universal Church and be involved in missionary activities. It is no small ministry, the office of bishop. You are a bishop for everyone, not just those in your diocese.

Next I pray for my priests. When I went as priest to Rome, I used to pray for the priests of my diocese in Austin. When I became auxiliary, I prayed for all the priests of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, but I couldn’t forget my roots so I also pray for the priests of Austin. Since I am in Amarillo, I certainly pray for my diocesan priests, my coworkers and those who are incardinated and who generously serve in the diocese here from other countries throughout the world. I pray that they be effective priests and be Faithful to the Gospel. I pray for myself yet too, that I will be Faithful to the person of Jesus and all that entails being a priest. I pray that I and my brother priests will not only be effective, but also find joy in ministry as we proclaim the Word and celebrate the Sacraments. We all visit the sick, the elderly and try to bring them a sense of joy. So, I pray for those who are ill, those I know who have some difficulties because we are called to be one priesthood; we are brothers.

I pray for all the deacons of the diocese; I pray that they be effective and joy filled and that they constantly keep their focus on Jesus Christ and his mandate to teach, to preach and to evangelize. I pray for the religious who are a special gift here to the diocese, whether they be the Franciscans Friars of St. Laurence or various groups of religious women in the diocese. I thank God for them and for their vocation and for their witness to the Faith, as consecrated religious.

I pray for all the Catholics of the diocese, the flock, for your troubles to be eased, your illnesses in the family or recent loss of a loved one. I pray that you be filled with hope of the Resurrection. I pray beyond our Catholic people and their fidelity to Church and to Christ.

The West Texas Catholic: Bishop Zurek, is it true that many of your prayers are ill, those I know who have some sense of joy. So, I pray for those who are ill, those I know who have some difficulties because we are called to be one priesthood; we are brothers.

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I pray for all the non-Catholic Christians here in the diocese. As bishop, I am called to be pastor of all, not in the same way as to the Catholic Faithful. Nonetheless, we are concerned with the protestants and the evangelicals, to work together with other ministers, whether with Catholic Charities or prayers for sustaining of and strengthening of Religious Freedom in our country. I go beyond that because I am bishop of everyone in the Panhandle, the area of the diocese. I pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to hear the Good News, as Vatican II said, the first to be covenanted to belong to God in a unique way. I pray also for the Muslim peoples who also worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I pray for their needs. In all of this I pray for unity amongst all of us as children of the same Father.

I go a step further; because, every encyclical or special letter that the Pope sends out, he sends not just to the Catholic Faithful, but to all people of good will. It includes people who have no Faith, called agnostics or atheists, who are still creatures of God and bear the image and likeness of God. I enter into prayer for them that maybe one day, as the Lord sees fit, they will be called to Faith in Him. I do all this because we are called to oneness as humanity. Jesus prayed in a special way for the unity of His followers, the Christian people. But Vatican II also adds that the purpose of Christ coming after all was that each individual be really transformed into a brilliant, vibrant image of Jesus Christ—for the transformation of each individual and the transformation of the entire world. Because of that, Christ is the principal of unity for the human family. I take my time: I don’t just rush. I stay at each tomb for a while and pray at each tomb on my knees, very often on a marble floor. They don’t often have pews and kneelers, but if so, they are wooden without any padding. A little suffering is good for us.

This year’s trip to Rome was no different from other ones. I also pray in thanksgiving for the opportunity of my formation in the shadow of St. Peters, to have access to the Holy Father in general audiences. I pray for the diaconate that I served with in Rome, the priests that I served with in Austin, as bishop in the Archdiocese in San Antonio and for my ministry here. I ask your prayers for me and all my brother priests, religious and deacons, that we continue to serve you Faithfully with joy. When difficult decisions must be made, may we always put them in the context of the loving mercy of God and the Church. The Church is bigger that you and me individually. The Church is the loving Body of Christ. Peter and Paul were the first evangelizers amongst the Jews and Gentiles. Today we have the privilege of ministering to a myriad of cultures and languages. I thank you for your sensitivity and your care for all the people who are here in the diocese. After all, they are all brothers and sisters in Christ; they are all sons and daughters of the Father. They are all called to be one in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for welcoming the strangers in our midst. Remember always that when we do that, we welcome Jesus Christ Himself. Thank you for your support, your friendship and for all the prayers you offer for me and my ministry.

WTC: You had an opportunity on June 13 during your trip to Rome to concelebrate Mass with the Holy Father. Tell us about that experience.

Bishop Zurek: What can I say? “Wow.” That’s not the first time I have concelebrated with the Holy Father, but it is one of the more intimate times. My ordination by Pope Paul VI was my first concelebration with a pope. I have celebrated Masses around the world, for instance, World Youth Day, the Jubilee of Bishops and the Millennial Year. The only other times I concelebrated with St. John Paul II, were during an ad limina visit and during a Serra Convention when we had an audience with the Holy Father. That time I was not invited to meet with the Holy Father and walked back to the seminary two blocks away sulking because I had not met with the Holy Father. When I arrived at the seminary there was a note on my door to celebrate Mass with him the following morning. I celebrated a private Mass with him and six other priests.

This Mass was just as special and very different, because it was with our present Holy Father. With John Paul II we spoke Czech. I knew he spoke Polish and that we could communicate. This time I asked Pope Francis if he wanted to speak in Italian or in Spanish and he always opts for Spanish. This Mass was very emotional, very spirit filled; I felt extremely very privileged. I experienced Pope Francis as the quintessence of a good shepherd, a good pastor. The Gospel that day had to do with salt and light; when he started the homily, he kept saying “It’s salt and its light. Salt is either salty or its rancid and has no taste. There is either light or there is dark.” He kept bouncing back forth and forth like a good Jesuit professor. He was so animated, very different from a Mass for 10,000, or 500,000 or one or two million. He was enjoying it tremendously; he was preaching, sharing the Gospel and breaking the Word open for us.

Then we had the privilege of meeting him one by one. I told him I had really come to Rome for some work. He asked which Congregation. I told him and said that two years ago he asked if I would do him a favor. “You asked me to pray for certain things in your life and your ministry. I did that and continue to do it, outside of Mass,” because there we pray for him obligatorily. I pray for him during my rosary and my morning and evening prayers. I asked him, “Is it possible for a bishop from Amarillo to ask the Holy Father for a favor?” “Of course, it is.” He leaned over and asked what and who it involved. I told him and he leaned over and put his left hand on my right shoulder and he prayed a little there. Then he said he would pray more later. I said, “Your Holiness, you need to do so quickly because I have two hours before I need to discuss my needs and concerns.” “Two hours? I’ll do it before we have our meeting with the council of nine cardinals.” I told him that was a fair deal and thanked him.

I asked him to pray for me; he said he would. I asked him to bless some rosaries that I had. He touched everyone of them, as we say, practically ordaining them. Those are always extremely precious moments. He is never rushed. He is a good shepherd and a good Father. He knows we want to meet him and he obliges us. The blessing he gave us, he asked that it be extended to all the people of the diocese. Consider yourselves very blessed, consider that the Holy Father sends his special blessing in a special way through me to all of you. God bless you all.
Amarillo — The Office of Communications for the Diocese of Amarillo has released the 2017 Diocesan Calendar, listing events in the diocese taking place between today (Sunday) to Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The calendar was compiled from listings primarily provided by diocesan organizations, parishes and schools. Events listed here are subject to change without notice.

Additional dates for updated versions of this calendar can be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com. Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 806 area code phone numbers. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org.

July
16 — Engaged Encounter Weekend, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo
16 — 37th Annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo
16-21 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (935-5002)
23-28 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia (955-3191)
23-28 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, Church of the Holy Spirit, Amarillo (383-2261)
30 — Annual Jamaica, St. Peter’s Church, Booker (658-2636)
30 — Annual Jamaica, St. Ann’s Church, Bovina (251-1511)

August
4-6 — Deacon Class of 2020 Formation, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-2243, ext. 117)
5 — Annual Faith Formation Conference, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo (383-2243, ext. 111)
5 — Annual Knights of Columbus Council #7840 Golf Tournament, Palo Duro Creek Golf Course, Canyon (355-2165/678-4700)
6 — Annual Jamaica, St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona (265-7163)
6 — Natural Family Planning Central Deanery Ovulation Method Session, office of Dr. Stephen Usala, Amarillo (358-2880)
7 — Pax et Bonum, Sancta Maria Convent, Panhandle (537-3182)
8 — Contemplative Prayer Group, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-1811)
10-13 — Men’s ACTS Retreat, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-1811)
10 — Annual Jamaica to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Jones Pavillion, Canadian (323-6608)
13 — Totus Tuus School Tours: Back to School Gathering: The Rally, St. Joseph’s Church and School grounds, Amarillo (355-9837/359-1604)
13 — Annual Jamaica, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kress (995-3191)
14 — Columbiettes Auxiliary #1450 Meeting, St. Joseph Room, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo (318-3143)
15 — Feast of the Assumption, Diocesan Pastoral Center closed.

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The Diocesan Calendar

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Amarillo—Parishes throughout the Diocese of Amarillo have announced Mass Schedules for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Listed below are the parishes that supplied the Office of Communications with their Mass schedules.

Parishes not listed here either failed to report their schedules or are not planning celebrations. A number of parishes are celebrating the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, Aug. 14.

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Please consult your parish bulletin or parish website for additional details.

AMARILLO

St. Mary’s Cathedral: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am, 12:10pm and 6:30pm

Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

BSA Health System: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

Our Lady of Vietnam: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:30pm (Bilingual)

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Spanish); Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30pm (Spanish)

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am (English) and 7:00pm (English)

St. Thomas the Apostle: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

BOOKER

St. Peter’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm (Bilingual)

BORGER

St. John the Evangelist: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am (English) and 7:30pm (Bilingual)

BOVINA

St. Ann’s: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Spanish); Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm (English)

CACTUS

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 8:00pm (Spanish)

CANADIAN

Sacred Heart: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30pm (Bilingual)

CANYON

St. Ann’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

CHILDRESS

Holy Angels: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30pm (Bilingual)

CLARENDON

St. Mary’s: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:00pm

DALHART

St. Anthony of Padua: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 6:30pm (English) and 7:30pm (Spanish)

DIMMITT

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish)

DUMAS

Sts. Peter and Paul: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:00pm (Spanish); Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:15am (English)

FRIONA

St. Teresa of Jesus: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 5:30pm (English); Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30pm (Spanish)

GROOM

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:30pm; Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30am (Bilingual)

HAPPY

Holy Name of Jesus: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm

KRESS

St. Paul the Apostle: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

MEMPHIS

Sacred Heart: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm (Bilingual)

NAZARETH

Holy Family: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am and 6:00pm

PAMPA

St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 6:00pm (English) and 8:00pm (Spanish)

PANHANDLE

St. Theresa’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:30pm

PERRYTON

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30am (Bilingual)

SHAMROCK

Our Mother of Mercy: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:00pm (Bilingual)

SPEARMAN

Sacred Heart of Jesus: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Communion Service at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

STINNETT

St. Ann’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am (English) and 7:30pm (Bilingual; at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger)

TEXLINE

St. Mary’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 12:10pm

TULIA

Church of the Holy Spirit: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 8:00pm (Bilingual)

UMBERGER

St. Mary’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm

VEGA

Immaculate Conception: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:30am

WELLINGTON

Our Mother of Mercy: Monday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:00pm (Bilingual)

WHEELER

St. Mary’s: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)

WHITE DEER

Sacred Heart: Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mass at 9:30am

For additional diocesan news, national and international news from Catholic News Service, the 2017 Diocesan Calendar and much more on our diocesan website. Bookmark this address: www.amarillodiocese.org and visit often to keep up with the latest in the Diocese of Amarillo.

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Please join the millions worldwide who pray each day for the monthly prayer intentions of Pope Francis. Since 1844 the members of the Apostleship of Prayer have offered themselves to God for the salvation of souls, the Church, the intentions of all Apostles of Prayer and the intentions of the Pope. The Holy Father gives us two prayer intentions each month—one, a general intention and the other an intention for world missions.

July:

- **Lapsed Christians.** That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.
Amarillo—The summer for students of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo will end one month from today.

For teachers, the summer break will end a week earlier, on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

The school year will begin with a half-day of classes on Aug. 16, and full days on Thursday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 18.

The first full week of school begins Monday, Aug. 21 (please see the 2017-18 diocesan school calendar on page 12).

Here are thumbnail sketches of the five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo:

Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo:

Registration Information: Registration for the 2017-18 school year for grades six through twelve is ongoing, according to HCCA Head of School Angie Seidenberger. Prospective students are asked to contact Seidenberger at the school office at 355-9637 to set up an appointment to begin the registration process.

Parents of new students seeking admission to HCCA for their child will be required to bring the student’s final report card and any standardized testing scores with them when they come for the admission interview, according to Seidenberger.

The Rally: Holy Cross will host a Back to School event, The Rally, on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the grounds of St. Joseph’s Church and School at 4118 and 4122 South Bonham.

“We are planning a fun-filled day for the entire Amarillo community and we invite you and your family to join us,” said Seidenberger. “The day begins with a volleyball tournament at 10:00am. Food trucks, games, and activities will start at 11:00 and continue through the evening. New families will be able to attend orientation at 4:00pm. We’ll wrap up the day with a concert by The Thirsting at 7:00.”

For additional details, please contact Michele Ronquillo at 806-316-6418 or Rebecca Vincent at 806-570-9578, or see the story on page 1 and the advertisement on page 9 of this issue of The West Texas Catholic.

Calendar Party: Holy Cross is also hosting its inaugural Calendar Party on Friday, Aug. 25 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter. The evening begins with social hour at 6:30, a meal at 7:00, special entertainment provided by HCCA faculty and staff, and a number of diocesan priests. The evening also includes a dance with music by Lee Sheets and Borderline, a silent auction, a live auction featuring one large raffle item and Calcutta Boards.

Find out more about the Calendar Party by calling Rebecca Vincent at the number above or see the story on page 1 and the advertisement on page 11 of this issue of The West Texas Catholic.

Welcome to the Faculty Family: Holy Cross will have three new faculty members for the 2017-18 school year.

Donna Kerr is the new High School English teacher. She recently retired from the Dumas Independent School District and comes to HCCA with 34 years of teaching experience. Kerr received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) and is certified to teach grades 4-12, with additional certification in English as a Second Language (ESL), Response to Intervention (RTI) and gifted and talented. Kerr is married with three children and eight grandchildren and is a parishioner at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Holy Cross also welcomes two new Religion instructors. Michelle Correa joins the HCCA faculty after spending the past school year at St. Mary’s Cathedral, where she taught music. A native of Southern California, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Adrian Johnson has a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Evangelization and Catechesis from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. He is married with a two-year-daughter. Johnson is also Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister at St. Ann’s Church, Canyon.

A Word from the Head of School: “At Holy Cross Catholic Academy, we continue to raise the standards, as our small and mighty Class of 2017 received more than $1.2 million in scholarships and grants. We are opening two sections of sixth grade this year, as we have 26 enrolled and hope to gain a few more before the first day of classes.

“Our student body will sport a new ‘Mass uniform’ during the school year and we are excited to see this new, more traditional Catholic School look on Wednesdays. We are continuing to look for ways to improve and become an even stronger Secondary School for our diocese.”

Sports Headlines: Practice for the football and volleyball seasons begins Tuesday, Aug. 1 (please see the football schedule on page 8 and the volleyball schedule on page 10).

Holy Cross Catholic Academy is located at 4110 S. Bonham, just north of St. Joseph School. Phone number: 806-316-6418. Website: www.holycrossama.org
St. Joseph School, Amarillo:  
Same Vision, Renewed Mission:  
In welcoming the 2017-18 school year, St. Joseph School continues to push forward in Forming the Entire Child: Spirit, Mind and Body.

“This is such a concise and transparent way of centering all that we do at St. Joseph School on the children who make our school the beautiful place it is meant to be,” said Principal David Hernandez. “With so many elements changing on a daily basis that affect the classroom, our faculty will lead the way in providing an instructional day that challenges each learner to put forth the best version of themselves as they soar to new learning.”

Enrollment Information: With one of the most affordable tuition rates in the entire city, Montessori and Prekindergarten teachers at St. Joseph School are prepared to grow even the youngest of minds, according to Hernandez.

“We welcome any family who is interested in enrolling their three-to-five year old in either of our programs,” he said. “With two certified Montessori teachers in one classroom, we are able to provide a 1:11 student ration as we can only accept 22 Montessori students each year. We invite everyone to come by and visit with our staff and experience the safe and welcoming environment that other families have chosen for their most precious gift.

“It is never too late to experience a school culture that is both family oriented and centered on the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. From Kindergarten up to fifth grade, now is the time to register your child. Although we are tuition based, come by my office or give us a call at 359-1604 for any assistance you may need in enrolling your child.”

Summer Hours: St. Joseph School is currently open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00am to noon and will return to regular school hours Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

School Theme: St. Joseph Knights live the 3 Rs: Being Reverent, Reflective and Responsible, according to Hernandez.

“The faculty and staff has created school wide expectations that will guide each child in modeling how to be reverent, reflective and responsible in and out of the school setting from Montessori through fifth grade,” he said. “It is equally important for children to know and understand what is expected of them no matter the setting they are in so that they can focus on what is truly important while at school and in the church. We will celebrate positive behavior and attitudes in the smallest of ways and on a daily basis. Children deserve to be celebrated as blessings day in and day out.”

Classroom and Content Area Structures Self Contained: Hernandez said the school is excited about Phonics Dance, as the primary grades will have the opportunity to add to their learning in reading and writing, with these strategies that reach students at their developmental level.

St. Joseph School continues to develop and refine the Montessori program through the expertise and development of Erica Gassett.

“In this learning experience, students are provided with the freedom of choice in their daily explorations to grow in their social academic interactions with peers and teachers,” Hernandez said. “We currently have one section of pre-kindergarten lead by Tori Reynolds. Both Montessori and pre-kindergarten introduce and push our young scholars to early numeracy skills and concepts as well as a balanced literacy component, which includes daily reading and writing lessons.

“Harriet Johnson will lead our kindergarteners (self-contained) to new heights this school year, ready to create excitement and facilitate a learning environment for her young mathematicians, readers and authors.”

Johnson is the newest addition to St. Joseph School. Her husband Adrian is one of two new Religion teachers at Holy Cross Catholic Academy.

Jeannie Casey will return to the first grade classroom (self-contained) and according to Hernandez will continue to set high expectations for all learners to read, think critically and become numeracy experts on a daily basis.

“We plan to get back to the basics and do them with great effectiveness,” he said. “Our goal is literacy and numeracy through the learning scope of our Catholic Faith.”

Classroom and Content Area Structures Departmentalized: For both second and third grades Vickie Halsey will teach Math and Science in conjunction with Johanna Mares, a former alumnus of St. Joseph, who will teach Language Arts and Social Studies. Fourth and fifth grades will have similar structures, with Missy Musick, who is also a St. Joseph alumnus, teaching Math and Science and Jacque Portillo teaching Language Arts and Social Studies. Both teachers combine for over 15 years of experience in teaching different content areas.

“From literacy circles to book talks, our duo focuses on create contentious awareness in our fourth and fifth grade students,” said Hernandez. “Jordan Ramos will continue to enrich our student’s learning through the instruction of Spanish twice a week and creating physical activities that will condition our students in physical education three times per week.

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“Emily Grandmaison will continue to provide music instruction for our students along with band for our fifth graders. Alex Miller will continue to manage the school cafeteria’s day-to-day nutritional meal program along with executing our annual Thanksgiving meal and other tasty events, assisted by Judi Correa.”

**A Word from the Principal:**

“St. Joseph School continues to solidify its instructional strategies and classroom procedures to better create a learning environment geared toward forming spirit, mind and body of every member, student or teacher, in our school.

“We ask for your continued support in our Adopt-A-Student pledge in the months of July and August. This pledge, which helps provide in-house tuition assistance for our students, can be made via phone, through our website (stjosephschoolamarillo.com) or in person. No gift is too small to make a difference in the education of our children.”

**A look ahead:** Hernandez invites all registered families to attend the Drop-In and Drop-Off event on Sunday, Aug. 13th from 2:00 to 3:00pm.

“This is a great opportunity to meet and greet our staff as well as drop off any school supplies in efforts to make the first day of school a bit smoother and lighter for our students,” he said.

The annual St. Joseph School Carnival is set for Saturday, Oct. 7. Information about the event, raffle prizes and silent auction items will be featured in the Sunday, Aug. 20 issue of The West Texas Catholic.

**St. Joseph School is located at 4118 S. Bonham, in between St. Joseph’s Church and Holy Cross Catholic Academy. Phone number: 359-1604. Website: www.stjosephschoolamarillo.com**

**St. Mary’s Cathedral School, Amarillo:**

**Registration Information:** Applications are being accepted for the 2017-18 school year for students ages three through fifth grade. Tours of the school and additional information can be obtained by calling 376-9112 to learn more about the elementary program or 376-9155 for the Montessori pre-school program. There is currently a waiting list for first grade, but all other grade levels are accepting enrollment applications. A message may be left on the answering machine; phone calls will be returned. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

**Accreditation and Anniversary:** Not only will St. Mary’s Cathedral School be re-accredited this fall through the Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Committee visit, the school will also note its 105th anniversary, according to principal Linda Aranda.

“St. Mary’s Cathedral School is proud to provide a quality Catholic education for students in Montessori Preschool (ages 3-5) through fifth grade for over a century,” she said. “As a ministry of St. Mary’s Cathedral, we offer an educational tradition that is rich in Faith, focused on academic rigor and blessed with an active, involved parent community.

“We have a wonderful group of teachers and staff that work hand-in-hand with families to provide a well-rounded foundation of spirituality and academics for student success. St. Mary’s students encounter Christ through daily prayer, weekly Mass, Reconciliation, preparation for Sacraments and liturgical events. They find a deeper meaning of a Faith-filled community. They know that at St. Mary’s Cathedral School we are on Holy Ground and that God is the center of their lives and will remain protected under His care.”

**Montessori Musings:** The Montessori Preschool serves children between the ages of three and five. There are still spots available in the program, according to director Lori Hoelting. Students must be three years old on or before Friday, Sept. 1 and completely toilet-trained to enroll.

“The Montessori curriculum provides individualized instruction using specialized Montessori materials and methodologies,” Hoelting said. “Students have hands-on learning opportunities in reading, math, writing, science, social studies and practical life. The students learn about the Catholic Faith through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and attend weekly Mass.”

**Grades K-5 News:** The elementary program at St. Mary’s Cathedral School serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades.

“Highly qualified teachers infuse daily learning opportunities to grow not only academically, but spiritually as well through activities designed to develop higher order thinking skills intended to challenge students to perform to the best of their abilities,” Aranda said. “With our enrollment at approximately 220 students, we are able to provide smaller class sizes. This, in turn, allows our teachers to differentiate their instruction, striving to meet the needs of all learners in their classroom.”

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**Holy Cross Catholic Academy FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2017**

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between fourth and twelfth grades and young adults between the ages of 18-30. This full-time, salary compensated position requires nights and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church.

All candidates should submit resume to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 4100 South Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.
Holy Cross Catholic Academy

The Rally

The Thirsting

Featuring

Concert begins at 7:00pm
Admission: Donations accepted

Join us for a fun-filled day as we gear up for the new school year!

Volleyball tournaments
Food Trucks on Site
Activites/Games

AUGUST 13 2017
10:00AM-8:30PM
“Weekly school Mass is celebrated every Friday. Kindergarten through fifth grade students attend monthly Adoration to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Students participate in many kinds of activities in the classroom to allow them to express their Catholic Faith.”

New to the Staff: The elementary staff will welcome two transitioning teachers and one new teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.

Sara Tijerina will be making the move from second grade to teach Spanish. She has 12 years of teaching experience, with two of those at St. Mary’s. Tijerina is a certified teacher with a Bachelor of Science from West Texas A&M University.

Chelsea Hartman will be making the move from St. Anthony School in Hereford to teach second grade. She has six years of teaching experience, all in the Diocese of Amarillo. Hartman is a certified teacher with a Bachelor of Science from West Texas A&M University.

Elizabeth Baca will teach a new section of fourth grade. She has five years of teaching experience and is a certified teacher with a Bachelor of Arts from West Texas A&M University.

Upcoming Events: Activities schedule through the end of the year include:

- Friday, Aug. 11, Annual Back-to-School Swim Party, from 7:15pm to 9:15pm, at Amarillo Town Club at 7700 Hillside;
- Monday, Aug. 14, New Parent Orientation at 6:00pm, in the parish gym;
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, First Day of School with an Early Dismissal;
- Wednesday, Aug. 30, Back-to-School Night, an opportunity for parents to hear what teachers have planned for the school year and learn individual teachers’ classroom policies and procedures;
- Friday, Sept. 15, Grandparents Day and Special Friends Day;
- Saturday, Oct. 14, Annual School Carnival;
- Wednesday, Nov. 22, Annual Montessori Service Project for St. Jude; and,

St. Anthony of Padua School, Dalhart:
Registration Information: Registration for the 2017-2018 school year continues at St. Anthony of Padua School, with spaces still available in Montessori Pre-K, fourth and sixth grade classrooms, according to principal Shay Batenhorst.

Registration information can be accessed on the school’s website, www.stanthonydalhart.com. The school office will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1.

“We are pleased to announce that this year we have the highest enrollment in the history of the school,” Batenhorst said. “Teachers, staff and students are enjoying iPads and Apple TVs in each classroom to assist with curriculum.”

At Your Service: St. Anthony of Padua School welcomes three new faculty members for the 2017-2018 school year.

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Coming This Fall!

Catholicism 101
With Jeff Cavins

DVD Series
facilitated by
Linda Astuto

Starting Monday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm
Register by Friday, Sept. 1 by calling 806-383-1811

Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center
2100 North Spring
Amarillo, TX 79107
(806) 383-1811 | www.bdrc.org

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Revisions from Original Schedule 02/16/17
Holy Cross Catholic Academy's

Calendar Party

Steak Dinner - Dancing - Drinks
(Donation bar will be available all evening)

Entertainment provided by our faculty, staff and even some of our Diocesan Priests!

A special performance by

Lee Scheetz and Borderline

Saturday, Aug. 25
Time- 6:30pm-11:30pm
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
4100 South Coulter, Amarillo

Tickets may be purchased in the school office.

Regular Tickets- $50
VIP Table- 8 tickets for $800
Cassidie Coke is the new second grade teacher, Chele Saavedra is the new third grade teacher and Stephanie Donegan will serve as an aide. Returning faculty include:
- Shay Batenhorst, Principal and Montessori/Pre-K;
- Kelly Sessions, Kindergarten;
- Mary Olivarez, Kindergarten Aide;
- Sheila Miller, First Grade;
- Barbara Kaul, Fourth Grade;
- Kristan Gibson, Fifth Grade;
- Mona Finchum, Sixth Grade;
- Jennifer Lopez, Secretary;
- Joanna McGaugh, Technology Director;
- Virginia Cendejas, Physical Education;
- Josie Granados, Montessori Pre-K aide;
- Sister Mary Katherine Dorsey, OSF, Religion Teacher;
- Sarah Hininger, Student Technology; and,
- Dorothy Kuster, Librarian.

**Important Dates:** Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 6:00pm. Other dates of importance during the Fall Semester include:
- Thursday, Sept. 7, the first Home School Association Meeting of the 2017-2018 school year; and,
- Sunday, Oct. 15, Oktoberfest and Auction at Rita Blanca Coliseum; and,
- Wednesday Dec. 20, the annual Advent Program.

St. Anthony of Padua School is located at 410 E. 13th Street in Dalhart. Phone number: 806-244-4811. Website: www.stanthonydalhart.com.

**St. Anthony School, Hereford:**

**Registration Information:** St. Anthony School is accepting registrations for preschool (age 4), Kindergarten and second through sixth grades for the 2017-2018 school year. The school office is open the month of July by appointment. Please contact msramirez@stanthony saints.com or msramirez@stanthony saints.com to set up an appointment. The office will reopen for regular business hours on Thursday, Aug. 3. School calendar, uniform information, supply lists and registration forms may be found on the school website.

**2017-18 Theme:** The school’s theme for the new school year is A Servant’s Heart.

**Faculty News:** St. Anthony School welcomes Jeremy Silver to the faculty as the new sixth grade teacher.

“...We are excited to have Farron Urbanczyk return to St. Anthony and teach second grade,” said principal Ana Copeland.

Other returning faculty include:
- Yvette Alanz, Kindergarten;
- Cheyenne Sharp, First Grade;
- Lesley Lomas, Third Grade;
- Julie Newton, Fourth Grade;
- Ctaci Slovacek, Fifth Grade;
- Susan Hicks, Library Manager;
- Elaine McNutt, Computer Lab Manager, Marketing and Development Director; and,
- Karen Hacker, Physical Education.

Moving into a new position is Rocio Ochoa who will oversee the Extended Day Program and assist teachers as a classroom aide in the mornings. Karen Hacker will now be assisting teachers as a classroom aide in addition to teaching Physical Education.

New this year is a Special Combo Deal on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Back to School Night and Drop Off School Supplies/Meet the Teacher have been combined into one event. Kicking off at 6:00pm, parents and students will drop off their supplies and meet their new teacher. Children will then gather in the gym for a movie and popcorn while the parents gather in the Antonian Room for a short informational meeting from 6:30 to 7:00. Parents will have time to complete necessary paperwork, meet newcomers and catch up with friends after the informational meeting.

**Upcoming Events:** Important Dates this fall at St. Anthony School include:
- Monday, Sept. 11 to Friday, Sept. 15 Grandparents Week;
- Sunday, Oct. 15, Karnival Krazy; and,
- Thursday, Dec. 14, the Annual Christmas Program, at 6:30pm.

**A Word from the Principal:**

“We thank our parents for selecting St. Anthony School to be a part of their family and provide a high quality Catholic education to their children.”

St. Anthony School is located at 120 W. Park Avenue in Hereford. Phone number: 806-364-1952. Website: www.herefordst anthony.com

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Boz: Obispo Zurek, usted estuvo en Roma recientemente. Quiero preguntarle acerca del aspecto espiritual de ese viaje.

Obispo Patrick J. Zurek: El viaje se inició debido a algún motivo. El segundo es siempre algo importante: la Espiritualidad. El viaje se inició debido a algún motivo. El segundo es siempre algo bueno. Al grabar esta conversación el 29 de junio lo hacemos en mi aniversario de ordenación al sacerdocio. Fui ordenado hace 42 años por el Papa Pablo VI en la Plaza de San Pedro. La fiesta de San Pedro y San Pablo, en la que fui ordenado, me impactó de muchas maneras. Recuerdo la primera vez que fui a Roma, en agosto serán 47 años, lo primero que hicimos no fue ir al seminario sino que fuimos a la Basílica de San Pedro para rezar en la tumba de San Pedro. Nuestro seminario está prácticamente en la sombra de la Cúpula de San Pedro. El día siguiente fuimos a la Catedral de San Juan de Letrán y después a San Pablo Extramuros, en donde enterraron a San Pablo. Allí oramos a San Pablo. Mis días de formación se centraron por completo en estos dos santos mayores: Pedro estuvo a cargo de evangelizar a los judíos, predicándoles el Evangelio y Pablo evangelizó a los gentiles.

Volvamos a la espiritualidad. Siempre que vuelvo a Roma sigo un rito que obviamente incluye a la Basílica de San Pedro. Voy primero a la tumba de San Juan Pablo II porque está más cerca a la entrada y rezé allí en la tumba. La segunda tumba que visito es la de San Juan XXIII quien convino el Concilio Vaticano Segundo. La tercera visita es a la cripta y rezó ante la tumba del Beato Pablo VI, quien me ordenó. Acabo por ir al santuario en donde están los huesos de San Pedro en una caja pequeña y allí le rezó a San Pedro. Siempre rezo así: empiezo con oración por mí mismo para que sea digno del ministerio que tengo para que sea eficaz en mi cargo de obispo. Recuerdo siempre que no fui ordenado específicamente para una sola diócesis, sino que debo compartir con el Santo Padre y mis hermanos obispos el gobierno de la Iglesia Universal y debo involucrarme en las actividades misioneras. El oficio de obispo no es un ministerio pequeño. Uno es obispo para todos y no sólo para su diócesis.

Después rezo por mis sacerdotes. Cuando iba a Roma como sacerdote, rezaba por los sacerdotes de mi diócesis en Austin. Cuando fui ordenado auxiliar, rezaba por todos los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio; sin olvidar mis raíces, oro también por los sacerdotes de Austin. Puesto que estoy en Amarillo, por supuesto que rezo por mis sacerdotes diocesanos, mis colaboradores y por los que están encartados y tienen como misión evangelizar a los judíos, a la comunidad musulmana, y a la comunidad israelí. Desde 1884 los miembros del Apostolado de Oración y las intenciones del Papa. El Santo Padre nos da una intención general y la segunda es por las intenciones mundiales. Por favor únanse a millones de personas del mundo entero que cada día rezan por las intenciones mensuales del Papa. Desde 1884 los miembros del Apostolado de Oración se han ofrecido a Dios por la salvación de almas, la Iglesia, las intenciones de todos los Apóstoles de Oración y las intenciones del Papa. El Santo Padre nos da dos intenciones cada mes—una es intención general y la otra es por las intenciones mundiales.

Rezo por todos los dióceses de la diócesis para que sean eficaces y jubilosos y para que mantengan constante su enfoque en Cristo Jesús y su mandato de ir a enseñar, a predicar y a evangelizar. Rezo por los religiosos(as) que son un don especial en nuestra diócesis, ya sean los frailes franciscanos de San Lorenzo o la variedad de grupos religiosos en la diócesis. Doy gracias a Dios por ellos y por su vocación y por su testimonio de fe como religiosos consagrados. Rezo por todos los católicos de la diócesis, el Rebaño, pido que se alivíen sus problemas, sus enfermedades en la familia o la pérdida reciente de algún ser querido. Pido que los colme la esperanza de la Resurrección. Oro más allá de nuestra gente católica y por su fidelidad a la Iglesia y a Cristo.

Ruego por los cristianos de nuestra diócesis que no son católicos. Como obispo, he sido llamado a ser pastor de todos, aunque no del mismo modo que de los fieles Católicos. Sin embargo, nos importan los protestantes y evangélicos para colaborar en otros ministerios como las Cáritas Católicas o rezando para sostener y reforzar la Libertad Religiosa en nuestro país. Rezo más allá de la Iglesia porque soy obispo de todo el Panhandle que es el área de la diócesis. Rezo por nuestros hermanos, nuestras hermanas, judíos, los primeros que escucharon la Buena Nueva, como se dijo en el Vaticano II, los primeros que tuvieron la libertad de elegir, de seguir el camino que Jesús les indicó. Rezo por nuestros hermanos que se han alejado de la fe, para que, a través de nuestra oración y el testimonio evangélico, puedan redescubrir la cercanía del Señor misericordioso y la belleza de la vida cristiana.

Intenciones del Papa Francisco para 2017

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Julio:
- Los alejados de la fe cristiana. Por nuestros hermanos que se han alejado de la fe, para que, a través de nuestra oración y el testimonio evangélico, puedan redescubrir la cercanía del Señor misericordioso y la belleza de la vida cristiana.
al Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob. Rezo por sus necesidades. En todo esto ruego por la unión entre todos nosotros como hijos del mismo Padre.

“Hago algo más porque toda encíclica o carta especial es un llamado que el Papa envía, se la envía no sólo a los fieles católicos sino a todo la gente de buena voluntad. Eso incluye a los que no tienen Fe, ya sean agnósticos o ateos, siguen siendo criaturas de Dios hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Me pongo en oración por ellos para que algún día, cuando Dios lo quiera, sean llamados a la Fe en Él. Hago esto porque somos llamados a ser una humanidad unida. Jesús oró en especial por la unidad de sus seguidores, la gente cristiana. Pero el Vaticano II dice además que la venida de Cristo fue para que cada persona sea en verdad transformada en una imagen brillante y vibrante de Jesucristo—por la transformación de cada persona y la transformación de todo el mundo. Debido a eso Cristo es el principio de unidad para la familia humana. Me doy tiempo y no voy de prisa. Me quedo un rato en cada tumba, me arrodillo y rezo, a menudo en piso de mármol. Muchas veces no hay bancas o reclinadores; pero si los hay, son de madera sin cojin. Es bueno sufrir un poco.

Este año el viaje a Roma fue algo como los anteriores. Rezo y doy gracias porque la oportunidad que tuve de tener mi formación en la sombra de San Pedro me da acceso al tuve de tener mi formación en la sombra de San Pedro me da acceso al sombrero de San Pedro, me da acceso al sombrero de San Pedro, me da acceso al sombrero de Santo Padre. Ese momento fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio que fue un privilegio

Gracias por recibir bien a los forasteros entre nosotros. Recuerden siempre que cuando lo hacemos, recibimos al mismo Cristo Jesús. Gracias por su apoyo, su amistad y por todas las oraciones que ofrecen por mí y por mi ministerio.

**WTC: El 13 de junio durante su viaje a Roma usted tuvo la oportunidad de celebrar Misa con el Santo Padre. Platicuémos de esa experiencia.**

**Obispo Zurek: ¿Qué pudo decir? “¡Oh!” No fue la primera vez que he concelebrado con el Santo Padre, pero es uno de los momentos más íntimos. Mi primera concelebración con un papa fue en mi ordenación por el Papa Pablo VI. He celebrado Misas al derredor del mundo, por ejemplo en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, el Jubileo de Obispos y el Año del Milenio. Las otras veces las concelebré con San Juan Pablo II durante visitas ad limina y durante una Convención de Serra, en una audiencia con el Santo Padre. Esa vez no fui invitado a la conjunt con el Santo Padre y caminé las dos cuadras de regreso al seminario triste por no haber estado con el Santo Padre. Cuando llegué al seminario había en mi puerta una nota para celebrar la Misa con él la mañana siguiente. Celebré una misa privada con él y con otros seis sacerdotes.**

Esta Misa fue tan especial y tan diferente, porque fue con nuestro Santo Padre actual. Con Juan Pablo II hablábamos en cheno. Yo sabía que él me hablaba el polaco y que nos podíamos comunicar. Esta vez le pregunté al Papa Francisco si deseaba hablar en italiano o en español y él siempre escoge el español. Esta Misa fue muy emotiva y espiritual; naturalmente que me sentí muy privilegiado. En mi experiencia del Papa Francisco vi la quintesencia de un buen pastor. Ese día el Evangelio se trataba de la sal y la luz; cuando empezó la homilía dijo varias veces, “Hay sal y hay luz. La sal está sabrosa o rancia y desabrida. Hay luz, o hay oscuridad”. Las alternaba como un buen profesor jesuita. Tenía tanto ánimo, tan diferente a una Misa para 10,000 ó 50,000, 0 uno o dos millones de fieles. Se le notaba tremendo gusto; estaba predicando y compartiendo el Evangelio, partiendo y abriendo la Palabra para nosotros.

Después tuvimos el privilegio de conversar con él uno por uno. Le dije que había ido a Roma a hacer un trabajo. Él me preguntó con cuál Congregación. Yo le dije y le dije que hace dos años él me había pedido un favor. “Usted me pidió que rezara por ciertas cosas en su vida y en su ministerio. Lo hizo y lo sigo haciendo además de hacerlo en la Misa” ya que en la Misa oramos por él por obligación. Yo rezo por él durante mis rosarios y mis oraciones matutinas y nocturnas. Le pregunté si era posible que un obispo de Amarillo le pidiera al Santo Padre un favor. Dijo, “Por supuesto.” Se acercó y preguntó qué y por quién era. Se lo dije y él puso su mano izquierda sobre mi hombro derecho y allí ofreció una oración. Dijo entonces que después rezaría más. Yo le dije “Su Santidad necesita que lo haga pronto porque sólo tengo dos horas antes de discutir mis necesidades y preocupaciones”. “¿Dos horas? Lo haré antes de tener la junta con el concilio de nueve cardenales”. Le dije que era muy justo y le di las gracias.

Le pedí oración por mí y me dijo que lo haría. Le pedí bendecir unos rosarios; él toció cada rosario, y prácticamente consagraba cada uno de ellos. Esos son momentos preciosos. Jamás dio la impresión de tener prisa. Es buen pastor y buen Padre, sabe que deseamos conocerlo y nos lo concede. Nos pidió extender su bendición a toda la gente de la diócesis. Recibían pues ustedes la bendición especial que el Santo Padre les envía por mi conducto. Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de ustedes.

**Conferencia de Formación en la Fe, Agosto 5**

**Amarillo—La 8ª Conferencia Anual de Formación en la Fe “Vivir Como Discípulos Misioneros” será el sábado, 5 de agosto en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Es para personas que desean vivir como “discípulos misioneros”, dijo la Hna. María Elena Ferrer, SSND, Coordinadora Diocesana de Formación en la Fe.**

El registro será a las 8:15am. El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek dirigirá la Oración Matutina a las 9:20 y hablará a los participantes. Después habrá discursos—la Hna. Dolorette Farías, SSND presentará en español y el Diácono Arthur Miller, de la Diócesis de Hartford, Connecticut en inglés. La Hna. Dolorette es directora espiritual; en su ministerio por todo el Suroeste, ella comparte la verdad de nuestra Fe Católica y ayuda a hombres y mujeres a desarrollarse como evangelizadores y catequistas.

El Diácono Miller es director espiritual y predicador nacional de las Sagradas Escrituras. Él lucha por elevar el deseo de conversión al “Amor Radical” que sólo se puede lograr con la gracia y el poder que nos ofrece por medio de Jesucristo.


**Fiesta de Regreso a la Escuela, Agosto 13**

**Amarillo—La primera Fiesta “Back to School: The Rally”, de Holy Cross Catholic Academy será el domingo, 13 de agosto en el patio de la Iglesia y Escuela Saint Joseph, calle Bonham 4118 y 4122 Sur. Invitan a estudiantes de la Escuela Saint Joseph y Saint Mary’s Cathedral School y a estudiantes y graduados de Holy Cross. Aceptarán donativos por la admisión al evento. A las 10:00am habrá Torneo de Volleyball. Registren sus equipos para el torneo por $25.**

De 11:00am a 6:00pm habrá juegos inflables, pintura de cara, puestos de comida y variedad de juegos para niños y mayores. A las 6.15 habrá porras (Pep Rally), reconocerán a graduados y presentarán a los equipos Mustangs 2017 de football y Lady Mustangs 2017 de volleyball. Después del pep rally habrá un concierto de The Thirsting, una banda católica de impacto que tocará hasta las 8:30.

Piden a las clases de graduados planear sus reuniones por la fecha de “Back to School: The Rally”. Para más información, registrar su equipo de volleyball o planear la reunión de su clase, favor de llamar a Miechele Ronquillo, 806-316-6418 ó a Rebecca Vincent, 806-570-9578.

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**Agosto:**

- **Por los artistas.** Por los artistas de nuestro tiempo, para que, a través de las obras de su creatividad, nos ayuden a todos a descubrir la belleza de la creación.
### Dales, Señor, el Descanso Eterno

#### Padre Bruce Michael Wood: 1937-2017

_Naugatuck, Conn._—El Padre Bruce Michael Wood falleció el 22 de junio a la edad de 80 años. Él fue sacerdote de la Diócesis de Amarillo y editor de _The West Texas Catholic_.

Se ofreció Misa el 26 de junio en la Basílica Immaculate Conception y el entierro fue en el nuevo Cementerio Saint Joseph en Waterbury.

Bruce Michael Wood nació el 5 de abril de 1937 en Waterbury, hijo de Bruce y Bertha Winslow Wood. Graduado de Crosby High School en Waterbury, estudió en Wagner College en Nueva York y la Universidad de North Carolina.

Se inició en la Iglesia Católica bautizado el 16 de junio de 1932. Antes de su ordenación sacerdotal, tuvo experiencia profesional en educación secundaria y de colegio en materias de Inglés, Oratoria y Drama.


Realizó ministerios sacerdotales en la Diócesis de Amarillo como vicario parroquial en la Iglesia San José, el Obispo Joseph L. Alegría, chair de Lee en Amarillo; administrador de la Iglesia San José en Stratford; director de Ministerio Católico en los hospitales de Amarillo; ocupó la plaza de vicario parroquial en la Iglesia San José en Amarillo, también fue Capellán de la Fuerza Aérea en San Antonio y sacerdote en varias parroquias de Texas, Vermont y Connecticut.

Le sobreviven dos sobrinas en Naugatuck, Linda Waldó y Donna Hadzaga.

#### Diácono Joe Schwertner: 1930-2017


Joe Schwertner nació el 1 de junio de 1930 en Jarrell, hijo de Rudolph y Mary Schwertner. Graduado de Price Memorial College en 1948, sirvió en la Fuerza Naval de los Estados Unidos de 1950 a 1954 y se casó con Bernice Miller el 23 de enero de 1954 en Trinidad, Colorado.

Después de su servicio militar, trabajó ocho años en el ferrocarril Santa Fe en Slaton; cambió a la agricultura en el Condado de Reagan, cerca de Big Lake; fue granjero en el Condado de Sherman, cerca de Texasoma y después en Dumas, a donde se mudó en 1978. Él participó en el Movimiento Americano de Agricultura y llevó su tractor en el convoy a Washington, D.C.

Schwertner fue ordenado Diácono Permanente de la Diócesis de Amarillo el 7 de agosto de 1988 por el Obispo Leroy T. Matthisen en la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo en Dumas y realizó bautismos y bodas; El Diácono Schwertner estuvo con Juan Pablo II dos veces en septiembre de 1987, en San Antonio y en San Francisco. Fabricó varios objetos de madera y los donó a la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo y a otras parroquias en la Diócesis de Amarillo.

Fue Caballero de Colón desde 1949 y participó en VFW Post 9022.

Antes que él, fallecieron sus padres; un hijo, Thomas Schwertner; cinco hermanos, Alvin, Hubert, Rudy, August y Lawrence y cuatro hermanas, la Hna. Martha, Ella, Hermina y Mary.

Además de su hermano, le sobreviven su esposa, Bernice Schwertner; un hijo, Bruce Schwertner de Amarillo; tres hijas, Colette Schwertner Loer y su esposo Dutch de San Antonio, Nancy Schwertner Garnett y su esposo Eric de Dumas y Paula Schwertner de Amarillo; su hermano, Bruno Schwertner de Clarenford; su hermana Agnes Kittin de Lubbock; cuatro nietos, Brian Loer, Ben Loer y su esposa Rachel, Jenni Morin y su esposo Rubby de Amarillo; una biznieto, Anna Loer; y múltiples sobrinos y sobrinas, así como otros familiares y amistades.

### Calendario de Jamaicas

Las Iglesias, Escuelas y Entidades Católicas pueden enviar email a westtexascatholic@gmail.com para anunciar jamaicas, comidas y eventos como servicio público. Si no se indica otro local, los eventos tendrán lugar en sus parroquias.

**ESTE DOMINGO, 16 de JULIO**

**Amarillo—**37º Año de Las Fiestas de Amarillo, Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**SÁBADO y DOMINGO 29 y 30 de JULIO**

**Amarillo—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia de San Lorenzo

**DOMINGO, JULIO 30**

**Silverton—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Loreto

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 6**

**Friona—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia de Santa Teresa de Jesús

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 12**

**Canadian—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia Sacred Heart, The Pavilion

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 13**

**Amarillo—**Fiesta de Regreso a la Escuela patrocinada por las Escuelas Católicas de Amarillo y la Iglesia y Escuela San José

**Kress—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia San José, el Obispo Leroy T. Matthiesen en San Antonio.

**SÁBADO, AGOSTO 19**

**Amarillo—**Evento Anual Shiraz, for a Cause, Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 20**

**Amarillo—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 27**

**Stratford—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia San José en el Parque Municipal

**DOMINGO, SEPTIEMBRE 3**

**Gruver—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia Cristo Redentor

**Nazareth—**Picnic del Día del Trabajo de la Iglesia Holy Family

**Perryton—**Kermes Anual, Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción

**Turkey—**Jamaica Anual a beneficio de la Iglesia Elizabeth Ann Seton en el City Park

**DOMINGO, SEPTIEMBRE 10**

**Cactus—**Jamaica Anual de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

### Dales, Señor, el Descanso Eterno

#### Ventura Ramos: 1934-2017

_Tulia—_Ventura Ramos, Dama del Año 2005 del Concilio Diocesano de Damas Católicas (DCCW), falleció el 23 de junio a la edad de 82 años.

El Padre David Contreras, pastor de la Parroquia de San Miguel, ofició en la Misa el 27 de junio. El entierro fue en el Cementerio Rose Hill.

Ventura Ramos nació el 16 de julio de 1934 en Ottine, Texas, hija de Emigdio y Juana Ramos. Fue a las escuelas de Lockhart y Shallowater y se graduó de Whiteface High School.

**Elizabeth Marie “Betty” Keller: 1936-2017**

_San Antonio—_Elizabeth Marie “Betty” Keller, quien fue directora de la escuela Saint Joseph en Amarillo, falleció el 29 de junio a la edad de 80 años.


Elizabeth Marie “Betty” Mecher nació el 7 de octubre de 1936 en San Antonio, la mayor de seis hijos de Frank Mecher Sr. y Florence Mecher. Se graduó de La Coste High School en 1954 y el 15 de agosto de 1959 se casó con Marion Keller en la Iglesia Our Lady of Grace.


Los Keller volvieron a San Antonio y ella fue directora de la Escuela Saint Mary Magdalene y trabajó en la Escuela Saint Gregory the Great hasta jubilarse de nuevo.

Antes que ella fallecieron sus padres y su esposo Marion.

Le sobreviven tres hijos, Yvonne Brassard de San Antonio, Sharon Detten y su esposo Dan de Gretna, Nebraska y Nathan Keller y su esposa Alexa de Austin; tres hermanas, Ruth Persyn y su esposo Jim de San Antonio, Janet Biediger y su esposo Patrick y Sylvia Tschirhart y su esposo Mike de Castrovil; un hermano, Frank Mecher, Jr., su cuñada, Tortense Kroege de La Coste; diez nietos, seis biznietos, sobrinas, sobrinos y múltiples familiares.

### Cierre de Oficinas

**El Centro Pastoral Diocesano (CPD) estará cerrado el martes, 15 de agosto para guardar la Solemnnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. El CPD abrirá de nuevo el miércoles, 16 de agosto a las 9:00am.**

### Oremos por el clero de la Diócesis de Amarillo fallecido en el mes de julio:

*Obispo Laurence J. FitzSimon, Julio 2, 1958*

*Diácono Joe Schwertner, Julio 3, 2017*

*Padre Raphael Kramer, Julio 5, 1936*

*Padre Timothy Dran, S.A., Julio 11, 1993*

*Monseñor Francis A. Smyer, Julio 14, 2007*

*Monseñor Clifton J. Corcoran, Julio 14, 2010*

*Obispo Thomas J. Drury, Julio 22, 1992*

*Monseñor James E. Fitzgerald, Julio 25, 1975*

*Padre James Daly, Julio 26, 1988*
Desayuno de Panqueques

Amarillo—El Consejo 1450 de Caballeros de Colón de la Catedral Santa María servirá Desayuno de Panqueques este domingo de 8:00 a 11:00am en el Centro de Actividades Monseñor Francis A. Smyer, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Aceptarán su cordial donativo para cubrir el costo del desayuno, el ingreso ayuda a las múltiples caridades, misiones y proyectos del Consejo #1450. El siguiente desayuno será el domingo, 17 de septiembre.

Columbiettes Auxiliar #1450

Amarillo—El grupo de damas Columbiettes Auxiliar #1450 se reúne el segundo y cuarto lunes del mes a las 7:00pm en el salón Saint Joseph de la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Invitan a las damas a unirse a las Columbiettes Auxiliar, mayores de 17 años que deseen participar en las reuniones: martes, 18 de julio y lunes, 17 de septiembre.

Oración Contemplativa

Amarillo—Los invitamos a acompañar al Grupo de Oración Contemplativa que se reúne cada martes de 12:00 a 1:00pm en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco (BDRC), calle Spring 2100 Norte. Para indagar más llame a Linda Astuto al BDRC, 383-1811; o visite www.bdrc.org.

Hora Santa Eucarística

Amarillo—Se invita al público a participar en una Hora Santa Eucarística los jueves a las 5:30pm en la Iglesia Santa Hyacinth, calle West Hills Trail 4500. La hora se inicia con exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, después hay homilía, meditación en silencio, oración comunitaria y Bendición al final. Para más información llamen a la oficina parroquial, 358-3143.

Venta de Garaje Anual

Amarillo—El Grupo de Damas Santa Faustina de la Iglesia Saint Hyacinth tendrá su Venta de Garaje anual durante dos fines de semana en agosto: viernes 4 y sábado 5 y el viernes 11 y sábado 12 de agosto. Las damas católicas mayores de 17 años que deseen unirse a las Columbiettes Auxiliar, pueden llamar a la presidenta, Beth Johnson, 806-318-3143.

Próximos Retiros de ACTS

Amarillo—Habrá un Retiro de ACTS (Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio) para Hombres del jueves 10 al domingo, 13 de agosto en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. Hay hojas de registro en su oficina parroquial o en el sitio www.ACTSAmarillo.org de la Comunidad de ACTS. El siguiente retiro de ACTS para mujeres será el jueves 12 al domingo 16 de octubre. Para más información llamen a April Fetterman, 806-681-0804.

Cambio de Fecha del Cursillo Para Hombres

Amarillo—Se cambió la fecha del Cursillo Para Hombres, informó Tania González, Directora Laica del Movimiento del Cursillo en la Diócesis de Amarillo.

Encuentro de Prometidos

**Father Bruce Michael Wood: 1937-2017**

Naugatuck, Conn.—Father Bruce Michael Wood, a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo and former editor of *The West Texas Catholic*, passed away June 22. He was 80 years old.

Mass was celebrated June 26, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury, Conn., Monsignor John Bevins, presiding. Burial was in new St. Joseph Cemetery, Waterbury.

Bruce Michael Wood was born April 5, 1937, in Waterbury, the son of Bruce and Berthe Winslow Wood. He graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury and attended Wagner College in New York and the University of North Carolina.

A convert, he converted to Catholicism upon his Baptism on June 16, 1962. Prior to his ordination to the priesthood, his work experience had been in secondary and college education in the fields of English, Speech and Drama. In 1978, Wood came to Lubbock to work in parish ministry and served in parishes and schools there. After discerning a call to the priesthood, he completed seminary training at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Amarillo on June 7, 1984 by then-Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen at St. Laurence Cathedral (now St. Laurence Church), Amarillo.

Father Wood’s assignments in the Diocese of Amarillo include a stint as parochial vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo; as administrator at St. Joseph’s Church, Stratford; as director of Catholic Hospital Ministry for Northwest Texas, High Plains Baptist and Southwest Osteopathic Hospitals, all in Amarillo; and, as parochial vicar at St. Joseph’s Church, Amarillo. He also served as an Air Force Chaplain in San Antonio and as a priest in a number of parishes throughout Texas, Vermont and Connecticut. Following his retirement from active ministry, Father Wood served as a part time associate at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Naugatuck and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury.

Father Wood was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Barbara Kervorkian.

Survivors include two nieces, Linda Waldo and Donna Hadzaga, both of Naugatuck.

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**Bishop’s Schedule**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 5**

9:00am, Morning Prayer, Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Conference, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**SATURDAY, AUG. 12**

10:30am, Final Vows, Sister Marguerite Marie Waghorn, DLJC, and Sister Michael Marie Truong, DLJC, St. Anthony’s Chapel, Prayer Town Emmanuel

**TUESDAY, AUG. 15**

Diocesan Pastoral Center closed in observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation

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**Annual Shiraz For A Cause Saturday, Aug. 19**

Amarillo—The annual Shiraz for a Cause to benefit the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, will take place Saturday, Aug. 19 from 7:00pm to 10:30pm in the courtyard at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The evening will include a live auction, featuring a painting by noted Catholic artist Jack Sorenson, music by Patrick Swindell and Esquire Jazz, a silent auction, casino tables, heavy Hors d’oeuvres and a wine pull.

A limited number of tickets are available at $50 per person. The Retreat Center is also offering a number of packages, including:
- **The Chardonnay Package**, for $50;
- **The Cabernet Package**, for $75, which include one event ticket, one raffle ticket and one wine pull ticket; and,
- **The Champagne Package**, for $100, which includes one event ticket, two raffle tickets, overnight accommodations at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Morning Mass on Sunday, Aug. 20 and breakfast.

For additional details, please contact Linda Astuto at 383-1811.

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**Amarillo Kolbe Core Fundraiser**

Amarillo—Tickets are still available for a fundraiser sponsored by Amarillo Kolbe Core to help cover the cost of equipment needed to conduct Kolbe Prison Retreats in the Diocese of Amarillo. (see related story, page 34)

The Amarillo Kolbe Core began conducting retreats earlier this year at both the Clements and Neal Units and have four additional retreats scheduled between September and next March.

The board is selling tickets for an opportunity to win a Fall Entertainment Package. The package include a 65” Vizio E-Series Ultra HD television with wireless surround sound that includes a 38” sound bar, woofer and two rear speakers. Also included is a microsuede rocker recliner.

Tickets are $10.00 each and the drawing will take place Sunday, Aug. 13 at the closing Potluck Dinner for the Men’s ACTS Retreat.

To purchase tickets or for additional information about the Amarillo Kolbe Core, please contact Robert Isbell at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 383-2243, ext. 115 or 679-0008.

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*The Diocesan Pastoral Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 15 in observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Diocesan Pastoral Center will reopen for business Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 9:00am.*
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806-283-0559
Tri-State Fair Training Day Saturday, Aug. 26

**Amarillo**—A Training Day for Evangelizing at the Tri-State Fair will be offered Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Reception Room at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

The training day is part of preparations to organize the Catholic booth at the Tri-State Fair, set for Friday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 23, according to St. Mary’s Cathedral parishioner Cindy Cox, who will coordinate the training session.

“We encourage every parish in the Diocese of Amarillo to participate and help with our booth at the Tri-State Fair in September,” said Cox. “This is a great opportunity to share your Faith with those outside the Church. It would be good to have at least two persons, if possible, from every parish in our diocese to participate at the fair.”

For more information on the Aug. 26 training session, contact Cox at 672-3105 or via email, ckcox59@suddenlink.net. Those planning to attend will be asked to leave their name, email address and phone number to confirm attendance at the training session.

2017 Natural Family Planning Schedule

- In the South Deanery, an Ovulation Method session in Spanish will take place at 9:00am on Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. John Nepomucene Church, 312 7th Street in Hart. More information can be obtained by calling Lupe Morales at 938-2665.
- In the North Deanery, Ovulation Method sessions in English are set for Sunday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 5, both at noon at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, at 900 Bruce in Dumas. An Ovulation Method session will be offered Sunday, Oct. 22 at noon at Immaculate Conception Church, 1000 Southwest 15th in Perryton. Learn more by calling Faye Usala in Amarillo at 358-2880.
- In the Central Deanery, Ovulation Method sessions in English are scheduled Sunday, Aug. 6, Sunday, Sept. 10, Sunday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 12, all at noon, at Dr. Stephen Usala’s office at 1215 Coulter, Suite 405. Find out more by calling Faye Usala at 358-2880.
- A Spanish Ovulation Method session will be offered at Blessed Sacrament Church at 4112 Southwest 25th Street. Instructors are Nickolas and Lila Robles and the next class date is Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:00am. Learn more by calling the Robles at 220-7179.
- The NFP Sympto-Thermal Method class will be offered on Thursday, Aug. 17, Thursday, Sept. 21 and Thursday, Oct. 19, all at 6:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter, Amarillo. For more details, contact Chrissy Acker at 654-2057.
- In the East Deanery, an Ovulation Method session in English will be offered Sunday, Sept. 17 at noon at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 810 West 23rd in Pampa. Faye Usala has additional information at 358-2880.

A new online, self-paced NFP class is available in English. The class can be accessed at www.ccli.org. Cost of the class is $135 and can be completed at your own pace, according to Chrissy Acker.

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World Youth Day 2019 Meeting Dates

Amarillo—All young adults interested in attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama are invited to attend the first Formation Meeting for the diocesan delegation Saturday, Aug. 26 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Conference Center of the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 4512 NE 24th.

“Formations will be an integral step for our pilgrimage,” said Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. “It is highly recommended that all members of our diocesan World Youth Day delegation to Panama attend every meeting. Formations will be scheduled to prepare the mind, body and soul to get the most out of our pilgrimage. We’ll also be doing a number of activities as a group to prepare us for our journey in January 2019.”

Guzman estimates the cost of attending World Youth Day 2019 at between $2,000 to $3,000 per person. Those planning to commit to attending right now are asked to pay a $100 deposit with an agreement letter.

Other meeting dates for the 2019 diocesan World Youth Day delegation are:
- Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00am to 5:00pm. This will be the first mandatory meeting for the delegation and a $1,000 deposit will be due;
- Saturday, June 16, 2018, 10:00am to 5:00pm. This will be the second mandatory meeting for the group and a second $1,000 deposit will be due;
- Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, 10:00am to 5:00pm. This will be the third mandatory meeting and a third $1,000 deposit will be due; and,
- Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, 10:00am to 5:00pm. The final mandatory meeting and the remaining $400 deposit will be required.

All meetings will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For additional information, please contact Guzman at 383-2243, ext. 118.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Amarillo

Steak Dinner, Dance, Casino To Benefit St. Joseph’s Church

Amarillo—Tickets are on sale for a Steak Dinner, Dance and Casino to benefit St. Joseph’s Church.

The fundraiser is set for Saturday, Aug. 12 from 6:00pm to midnight at Laurenco Stone Events at 310 South Ross.

Tickets are $75 per person, with all proceeds going toward the upcoming remodeling of St. Joseph’s Church, according to Father Hector J. Madrigal, pastor at St. Joseph’s.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call 678-8725.

Theology On Tap July 20

Amarillo—The next gathering for Theology on Tap will be Thursday, July 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at I Don’t Know Sports Bar and Grill at 1301 SW 6th Ave.

All young adults in the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to attend Theology on Tap. Admission is free.

For additional details on Theology on Tap, please contact Kelsey Matchen at 376-7204.

Monica Musick of St. Joseph’s Church, Amarillo and vice president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), was one of several featured performers at the fourth Hats off to DCCW fundraiser June 17 at St. Hyacinth Church, Amarillo.

Musick presented a dramatic reading of the Dr. Seuss book If I Ran the Zoo. (WTC Photo)

“Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.”

—St. Ignatius of Loyola
Two To Profess Final Vows Aug. 12

Prayer Town Emmanuel—Two Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ sisters will profess Final Vows Saturday, Aug. 12 during a 10:30am Mass presided by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek at St. Anthony’s Chapel.

Professing final vows will be Sister Michael Marie Truong and Sister Marguerite Marie Waghorn.

Sister Michael Marie was born and raised in a Catholic family in Vietnam. In 2002, at the age of 14, she and her family moved to Oklahoma City. Shortly after entering college, in her words, she began to get caught up in the things of the world and fell away from her Catholic Faith. During this time, she said she was searching for happiness away from God, which led to emptiness and depression.

Seeing this, her mother invited her to come to a Vietnamese Charismatic Conference. During the conference, Sister Michael Marie and her mother prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Asking the Lord, “Lord, do you really exist? Do you know and care about me?” she heard the words of Jeremiah 5:1, “Before you were in your mother’s womb, I knew you.” She experienced the overwhelming love of the Father and wept.

Sister Michael Marie entered the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ on Aug. 25, 2010.

“I am very grateful for all the ways God has led and guided me,” she said. “I am thankful for the opportunities that He has given me in religious life to grow more in the image and likeness of my Divine Bridegroom Jesus Christ.”

A native of New Jersey, Sister Marguerite Marie Waghorn and her two sisters were raised in the Catholic Faith, which she said instilled in her a love for God and Christian values that upheld her during difficult times.

“The time of trial came when my family moved from one town to another, and the adjustment was more trying than I anticipated,” she said. “During middle school and the first years of high school, I struggled to find myself, and the pressures of fitting in with the crowd was slowly breaking me.”

Sister Marguerite Marie’s parents saw the struggle and told her she had to go on a retreat at the local parish. She did not want to go, resisting, yet reluctantly she went. During the retreat, she said she encountered God’s love for her in a powerful way.

“I was sitting in the back of the Chapel, and just had the first real conversation with the Lord,” she said. “All of a sudden I felt a warmth come over me and resting on my chest. I heard in my heart, ‘I never left you, all you need to do is turn to Me.’ It was the first time God was a someone, and that His love became personal.”

The encounter profoundly changed Sister Marguerite Marie’s life and led her to Prayer Town Emmanuel and the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ on Aug. 25, 2010.
Retrouvaille Weekend Scheduled Aug. 25-27

Amarillo—A Retrouvaille Weekend will be offered in the Diocese of Amarillo Friday, Aug. 25 through Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The following information about Retrouvaille is provided to Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, through Sunday, Aug. 27 at the end of Amarillo Friday, Aug. 25 and will be offered in the Diocese of Amarillo.

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Amarillo—For book collectors and voracious readers, it’s the ultimate book sale.

The Catholic Historical Society will conduct a Book Sale Friday, Aug. 11 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the former location of the Diocesan Archives and Museum, north of the entrance of the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 2100 North Spring.

“The sale will include a number of older and newer books,” said diocesan Archivist Susan Garner. “This will include books from the collection of Bishop Lawrence J. FitzSimon, books in Spanish, English, French, Latin, German and Italian. We’ll also have a number of religious books, novels, atlases, machinist books, illustrated books and books about Ireland. The sale will also feature a number of books on the works of Edgar Allen Poe and Shakespeare Obras Completas. Truly, if you love books, you don’t want to miss this sale.”

All proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Museum and Archives. For additional information, please call Garner at 383-2243, ext. 120.

Catholic Historical Society Book Sale

Father John Valdez, left, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo, offers the Collect Prayer June 29 during a Mass of Thanksgiving in the newly-refurbished chapel at the church. Also pictured is Deacon Blaine Westlake. The chapel had been closed for nearly two-and-a-half months, during which the chapel was repainted, received new carpet, new flooring and was updated, according to Bryan Webb, facility administrator at St. Thomas. (WTC Photo)

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