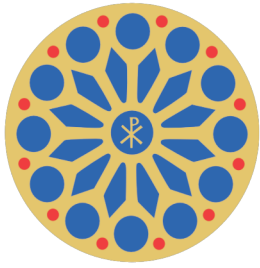


**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 16, 2021**



**ST. ANN'S**

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S  
MAY 17 - MAY 23**

*(Any changes to this schedule will be announced via Flocknote)*

**FR. SCOTT OUT OF TOWN. NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK.**

**Monday, May 17**

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Tuesday, May 18**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Quilting Ministry

**Wednesday, May 19**

6:30 p.m. Youth

**Thursday, May 20**

**Friday, May 21**

**Saturday, May 22**

1:00 p.m. **First Communion Practice**  
2:00 p.m. **First Communion Mass**  
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Bob Persyn)

**Sunday, May 23 - Pastoral Council  
Elections/Selections**

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For Gentle Rain)

10:15 a.m. RCIA

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For the People of God)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 25 Ladies Board Meeting

May 27 Building Committee Meeting

May 27 Reborn: Baptism Preparation Session

June 12 Spiritual Gifts Workshop

June 20 - 25 Totus Tuus

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - May 8-9:**

Envelopes/Cash: \$6,307.00  
Online Giving: \$7,638.50  
Weekly Total: \$13,945.50 (Weekly Goal: \$10,000)  
Month of May: \$24,632.00 (This Month's Goal: \$50,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

*Parishioners can make weekly one time payments or automatic payments at [stannsofcanyon.org/give](http://stannsofcanyon.org/give). Envelopes can be dropped off at the collections baskets at the entrance or exit in the church, in the curbside mailbox in front of the Rectory, or be sent to the parish, P.O. Box 59, Canyon, TX 79015.*



How will we ever get people to come back to church? This has been the question many of you have asked yourselves and others since the lockdown forced us perhaps to become too accustomed to sleeping in on Sunday mornings, tuning online into the parish or other Masses at our own convenience, or sadly, skipping Mass altogether. As you know, Bishop Zurek announced several weeks ago that the dispensation from obligatory Mass attendance in our diocese is coming to an end next weekend, May 22-23, The Solemnity of Pentecost. Hopefully, we'll all come back because we recognize that we cannot be fully alive in Christ without hearing God's Word, receiving the nourishment of the Holy Eucharist, and joining ourselves together as the Body of Christ by our presence with one another at weekly Mass. On the other hand, sometimes being nudged and/or compelled to come to Mass by obedience to the Commandments and deference to Catholic obligation can hold us in the right place when our mere feelings try to convince us that they're more important than the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As we come back to Mass, let us rejoice in the gift and the opportunity! Let us also reach out to our fellow parishioners, neighbors, family, and friends to urge them to get back to church with us. Each of us is an evangelizer and thus called to help one another to continue on and/or return to the path of holiness in Christ.

So how are we going to do this? Even as I write this, the CDC has just made a new announcement that those who have been vaccinated should feel safe and free to not wear masks in most indoor and outdoor events, with some exceptions. As the situation continues to change, please note how our parish of St. Ann 's intends to proceed for now:

**\*Masks for adults are still strongly encouraged at parish Masses and events.**

**\*Starting next weekend, we will have our overflow space in the parish hall open for the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass with social distancing for those who are concerned and want to play it safer than the guidelines indicate. This will continue until further notice.**

**\*We will continue to reserve the back southwest corner of the church for social distancing until further notice.**

**\*We will continue to be kind and loving to one another, choosing first and foremost to love our fellow parishioners who are vulnerable, cautious, and have experienced firsthand the virus's devastating effects and thus wish to remain as careful as possible until things are more assuredly safe.**

Thank you again for choosing to come together in this time rather than to allow a virus and the various understandings and misunderstanding of the virus to separate and divide us. You're doing well, St. Ann's!

Please remember that I'll be away from the parish this week to attend my nephew's graduation from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Please call the parish office if you have any need and thank you for your understanding that a good ole' fashioned getaway can be good for the body, mind, and soul.

**Fr. Scott**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

We extend our congratulations to all of the confirmandi who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at the Confirmation Mass this Saturday! May they answer God's call to holiness and live fully for Christ! We would also like to thank Bishop Zurek for coming out to our parish and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people!

Enrique Contreras	Kaylee Dunn
Karlie Fernandez	Andrew Huddleston
Angel Lopez	Brylee Marnell
Derrick Martin	Arianna Martinez
Keelyn Meador	Jacob Meraz
Case Moorhouse	Alex Nixon
Kason Sperry	Erin Sulik
Noah Vargas	Gabby Trevino



## MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN



Another component of our Memorial to the Unborn was added this week. A display case on the southwest corner of the church building will house a list of names of unborn children who died before birth but continue to intercede for us in heaven. More of our fellow parishioners than we imagine have suffered the sadness of miscarriage. We don't want to forget these precious souls who changed their parents' lives forever and wish for a place where their names can be written and their short lives acknowledged. If you would like to have your child remembered at our Memorial to the Unborn, please watch for bulletin and pulpit announcements the next several weeks for the plan and format. We recognize of course that the loss of an unborn child is private and want to avoid any pressure to participate. Pray about the possibility and continue to be saved by God's parental grace.

*After 658.75 volunteer hours from over 40 people, the project is finally drawing to a close. Over \$25,000 was contributed monetary and in-kind donations for the project. This is very impressive.*

*This project wouldn't have been possible without the time, advice, service, and donations of the St. Ann's Parishioners, St. Ann's Knights of Columbus, Fr. Scott and church staff, Scouts and Leaders of BSA Troops 86 and 4086, Venture Crew 2086, various local businesses, and community partners. This has been no easy feat, but it's been enjoyable, and it was well worth it. Thank you for your support and encouragement!*

- Derrick Martin



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

May God bless you as you begin the next chapter of your lives!

Slade Baumann	Marcial Mendoza
Alysa Perez	Luke Rickwartz
Kartsyn Salazar	Alexis Sanchez
Lennie Villalba	Andrew Wilhelm



## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

### BEFORE LIFTING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY MASS PART III

*"The people devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers (of the Apostles)." (Acts 2:42)*

This coming together of the faithful is the foundation, the manifestation and the confirmation of all Christian practices, from prayer, to works of charity and the concrete example of Christian love for one another, especially the poor. This communal celebration of the Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and his Body, the Church. All are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This unity of the Mystical Body is strengthened through our coming together as the one Body of Christ in the world. As pope St. John Paul II, wrote in one of his Encyclicals "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." At this coming together, we not only experience the joy of physically being with each other and supporting and encouraging each other in the Faith, those who come and receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through this communion Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body—the Church. Communion renews, strengthens and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved in Baptism.

After the celebration of the Easter Vigil and again after one of the morning Masses at the Cathedral I experienced what this 'coming together' means for the faithful believer. People not only greeted each other with 'Happy Easter!' but they did it with exuberant joy! They also exclaimed 'What joy the Lord has given us in his dying and rising; yes, we will all die, but now we have the 'great hope' of our own resurrection! We, too, will live forever with Christ!

*It has been a long time since we have experienced a normal existence here on our beloved planet. However, slowly, but surely, we are returning to a more normal way of life. Many parishioners may not have been able to personally attend and participate in the celebration of Holy Mass because of the pandemic. Surely many have longed with a deep desire to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. We priests have longed for the day when the Churches will again be filled with the faithful. Now the time has come.*

*Please know that each of you will be welcomed with open arms as you return to your other home, your parish Church... your spiritual home!*

**Welcome back home!**

## AROUND THE PARISH

**60+Lunch & Bingo Canceled** - There will be no Lunch and Bingo for the month of May.. The next Lunch & Bingo will take place on June 18.

**Youth** - All youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join us this Wednesday in the parish hall for a meal and a fun social night to close out the school year!

**Reborn Baptism Preparation Session** - Parents seeking Baptism for their children and those who have been invited to serve as a Godparent are required to attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next Baptism session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education classroom. Please contact Adrian Johnson at 655-3302 or [ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org), to register for the session and for more information.

**Totus Tuus** - We will once again be offering Totus Tuus, a week-long summer catechetical program for students entering grades 1-12. This year's program will be June 20-25. Students in grades 1-5 will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday, while students in grades 6-12 will meet Sunday through Thursday evenings from 7-9:15 p.m. Registration information is available on the glass table in the narthex or on the parish website. To volunteer to host the team for the week or to serve as classroom assistants and lunch/snack assistants during the morning and afternoon sessions contact Adrian Johnson in the parish office or at [ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org).

**Nursery for Weekend Masses** - The Nursery is available for all weekend Masses. The Nursery is for children ages 3 and under. Parents, please aware that if there are no children in the Nursery 15 minutes after Mass begins, the Nursery will be closed.

Call the Parish Office  
this week if you  
require an absentee ballot



# Pastoral Council Nominees

(order of names determined by random drawing)



Elections/Selections  
at  
May 22-23 Masses



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 38 Years

*Occupation:* Physical Therapist Assistant

*Children's Names:* Andrea (husband James), Roxanne (husband Cody), Raini (husband Cody), Abrham (wife Beth), 11 grandchildren

*Favorite Saint and Why:* Mother Teresa of Calcutta because of her humility and simplicity in serving the poorest of the poor.  
*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* I love the authenticity of St. Ann's in all the teachings of the Catholic faith, and I love the welcome atmosphere and the many ways you can grow in faith, fellowship, and spirituality with all that St. Ann's has to offer.

## Agnes Posadas

*Spouse's Name:* Robert Posadas



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 16 years

*Occupation:* Homemaker

*Children's Names:* Kaitlin, Victoria, Hannah

*Favorite Saint and Why:* My favorite saint is St. Therese of Lisieux. I find comfort and belonging in her teaching of the little way. I don't have to do great and grand things to be a great servant of God. But instead, I can do all that I am able to with love for God and others and be just as pleasing to God.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* The first reason I love St. Ann's is the level of respect and glory that is shown and given during Mass. The second thing I love about St. Ann's are the people who make up this parish. I have yet to meet someone who wasn't truly happy to be part of St. Ann's. I love being part of that kind of family.

## Sarah Dawes

*Spouse's Name:* Nathan Dawes



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 16 years

*Occupation:* Nutrition Consultant/Registered Dietitian

*Children's Names:* Kilian and Bridget

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Gianna Molla who is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. She sacrificed her own life to give life, she used her talents to serve God, and she displayed a beautiful loving relationship with her husband.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* Strong spiritual community with a deep conviction to our faith and traditions, as well as the love the people who make up the community and serve as strong spiritual examples throughout their everyday lives.

## Jennifer Leheska

*Spouse's Name:* Mike Leheska



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 14 Years

*Occupation:* Nurse

*Children's Names:* Chelsea, grandchildren Cayson and CoraJo

*Favorite Saint and Why:* Elizabeth of Hungary - she was devoted to her spouse and her family and used her life to do good works. I aspire to be like her.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* The family community and relationships we have built here have kept me grounded and motivated to live a good life, and the level of reverence for the sacred liturgy has always been a source of comfort to me and my family.

## Jinjer Mitchell

*Spouse's Name:* Kevin Mitchell



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 29 Years

*Occupation:* Sales

*Children's Names:* Josh, (wife Deann), Collin, Hannah, Justin

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Francis of Assisi, my namesake. I love the quote most often attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel always; use words if you must." I strive to live out that quote daily.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* The parish community of St. Ann's has a strong, deep, abiding faith, which has created the environment that has allowed me and my family to grow spiritually. St. Ann's is also a very welcoming community embracing new members and visitors alike.

## Glenn Backus

*Spouse's Name:* Kendra Backus



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 13 years

*Occupation:* Work with people with disabilities as a job placement specialist

*Children's Names:* Jeremiah, (wife Natalie & granddaughter Josie), and Joshua

*Favorite Saint and Why:* My favorite saint is St. Gertrude. She was a German Nun who was known for her hospitality and for welcoming travelers (also those dying and "traveling" to heaven). She is also patron of gardeners (Fidelis and I love our garden each summer) and the mentally ill (my work with people).

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* I love the wonderful people and spirit that St. Ann's has. I love the different ministries we have and the openness to new ideas and ways we can become even more of a parish family, bringing Christ to our community.

## Darlene Fetsch

*Spouse's Name:* Fidelis Fetsch



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 9 Years

*Occupation:* Power Systems Specialist

*Child's Name:* Miles

*Favorite Saint and Why:* Right now I'd say it is St. Michael the Archangel - he's known as the protector of the Church and stands up to all evil. Also, his medal was given to me, and I regularly ask for his protection.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* I am blessed to attend Mass with both sides of my family on most weekends, and if that weren't enough, the parish members are friendly and down to Earth. Also, St. Ann's has been home for my wife's family, starting with her grandparents, for many years.

## Mark Reinart

*Spouse's Name:* Jill Reinart



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 31 1/2 years

*Occupation:* Homemaker

*Children's Names:* Amber, Sadie, (husband Logan), Tessa, Jacob (wife Danielle), Mallory, and 7 grandchildren

*Favorite Saint and Why:* Blessed Virgin Mary because being a mother myself I turn to her often, and St. Anthony because he helps me on a daily basis. Recently, my favorite saint is St. Pope John Paul II because I admired him as a Pope and had the privilege of hearing and seeing him at WYD '93.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* St. Ann's is a very welcoming and active parish, and there's an abundance of wonderful ministries, so most parishioners are involved in one way or another.

**Barbara Kline**

*Spouse's Name:* Tony Kline



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 30+ years

*Occupation:* Educator/Administrator for Canyon ISD

*Children's Names:* McKinsey (husband Justin), Kayla (husband Cole), and granddaughter Olivia

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Theresa of Avila - I can completely relate to her times of spiritual drought and lack of prayer life at different stages of her life. She is also the patron saint of headaches and I have dealt with migraines for years.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* I treasure having St. Ann's so easily accessible for stopping in the chapel for a random visit with Jesus, attending daily Mass and other parish activities. I have come to love how welcoming St. Ann's is towards visitors, new parishioners, and fallen away Catholics. It truly is a place where all are welcome.

**Chris Hall**

*Spouse's Name:* Mark Hall



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 21 years

*Occupation:* MD

*Children's Names:* Dori, Arin, Jenna, Luke

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Joseph: Head of the Holy Family, patron of workers, model of humility, terror of demons. Hard to find better help than that.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* Active, vibrant, family oriented community, and a wide range of opportunities to serve the parish in.

**Kevin Rickwartz**

*Spouse's Name:* Cheryl Rickwartz



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 28 years

*Occupation:* Executive Assistant at WTAMU

*Children's Names:* Kylie and Lauren

*Favorite Saint and Why:* Mother Teresa because she is a beautiful role model of a servant leader.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* The support given to those in need; the friendships and welcome received. It's a great family to be a part of.

**Mary Hiner**

*Spouse's Name:* Mark Hiner



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 5 Years

*Occupation:* Commodity Broker

*Children's Names:* Harper and Bode

*Favorite Saint and Why:* I like St. Isidore because he is the patron saint of farmers and of laborers. He is not afraid of work!

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* We have loved being members of St. Ann's because of the influx of new members. There are many new families that call St. Ann's home and I like that. Additionally, I love the fact that we have shown the ability to adapt to new difficulties and still keep our community together.

**James Miller**

*Spouse's Name:* Annie Miller



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 7 Years

*Occupation:* Assistant Director for Orientation at WTAMU

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Elizabeth of Hungary because she was a wife, mom, and devoted herself to the religious life. She used her position and privilege to serve others.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* The community is very encouraging and supportive, and there are so many ways to learn more and grow deeper in your faith for parishioners of all ages.

**Amanda Lawson**

*Spouse's Name:* Jonathan Lawson



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* 2 years

*Occupation:* High School Teacher

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Peter because I relate to him most with my faith journey. I have great faith; however, I sometimes take my eyes off of our Lord because of my own thinking. But, He is always there to grab my hand when I reach for Him.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* I love being part of St. Ann's because the parishioners are so loving, inviting, and always growing. St. Ann's also offers many organizations its parishioners can find themselves a part of.

**Patricia Martinez**



*Number of Years at St. Ann's:* Nearly 40 Years

*Occupation:* Physical Therapist at BSA Hospital

*Favorite Saint and Why:* St. Teresa of Calcutta - I have always felt such inspiration when I study her life and her devotion to caring for the sick and the poor. I pray for her guidance and wisdom, especially as I walk through the halls of the hospital and care for my patients.

*Two Reasons I love being a member of St. Ann's parish family:* St. Ann's fosters growth and adapts to the changing needs in our parish, and it has strong and experienced leadership, multiple ministries, beautiful liturgies, diverse musical talents, and last but not least, a spirit of giving among parishioners.

**Marla Ehly**