

Weekly Newsletter for
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1200 South Washington Street

Amarillo, Texas 79102

Diocese of Amarillo

Church 376-7204 Rectory 373-7971

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 9:15 a.m., 12 Noon & 6:00 p. m.

Weekday Liturgies

Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration in Mary's Chapel 24/7

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Main Church

By appointment at other times

Nursery

Sat. at 5:30p.m., Sun. 9:15 am,

12 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Deaf Ministry

Sun. 12 noon Sign Interpreted

Saint Mary's Parish & School Website: www.stmarysamarillo.com



Holy Mary, pray for us.

January 2, 2011

Epiphany of the Lord

Your sons come from afar. (Isaiah 60:4)

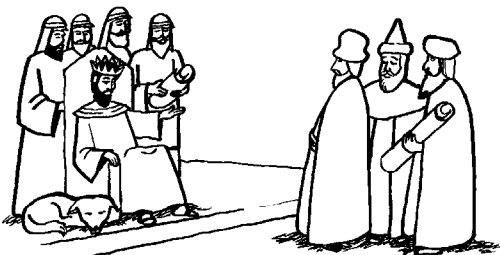
With today's feast, the Christmas season comes to a close with a burst of light—something like a spectacular fireworks display at the end of a big celebration. Epiphany is the shining revelation of Jesus as the Light and Savior of the world. The magi, glimpsing his light, are the first of the multitudes who will come to him “from the east and the west” to form a new people of God (Matthew 8:11).

Long before the magi, a prophet speaking in the name of Isaiah also saw multitudes united in praise of God. His vision was a confident assurance that God would make his people into a light to the nations. But how impossible this glorious destiny must have seemed to the prophet's first audience! They were the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild their ruined city and its Temple. And they were anything but joyful and radiant because the venture wasn't going well.

There was drought, and their crops failed. The rebuilt Temple was a disappointment—a poor relative of Solomon's glorious construction. The neighboring nations were hostile. And perhaps most bitter of all, God's people themselves were divided. Relatively few had returned to rebuild, and those who trickled in were quarreling and forming factions. What a contrast with the prophet's picture of all the exiles streaming into Jerusalem, along with caravans from every nation—one people praising God together!

Maybe this picture seems out of reach to us as well. After all, we too are divided. We are hardly the unified family Jesus calls us to be. But the prophet tells us: Shake off gloom and “raise your eyes” to the higher vision of what God is doing (Isaiah 60:4)! His spirit is at work to heal and unify—in official dialogues with theologians, in on-the-ground encounters involving

Christians of all traditions, And in more ways than we can know. Let's support these works and pray for them. Without denying our differences, let's honor what we have in common with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. And let's earnestly pray: Lord, make us one!



**Where is the newborn
King of the Jews?
MT.2:2**

“Father, I look forward to the day when all your children will ‘come from afar’ to worship you as one. Increase my longing for that day, and show me what I can do to hasten its coming.”

SERVING OUR PARISH

Pastoral Staff

Monsignor Harold Waldow, Pastor
Father Arthur Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar
Monsignor Cal Stalter
Robert Smith, Deacon; John Peters, Deacon
Floyd Ashley, Deacon; Bill Allein, Deacon

St. Mary's School

Kathi Lewis, School Principal
Julie Scrimpsheer, Director of Montessori Program

Parish Program Staff

Jim & Vanessa Rauscher,
Music & Choir Directors
Sheri Friemel, Youth Minister
Kevin Raef, Director of
Life Teen Music
Bernice Nogglar, Director of
Religious Education
Sara and John Walsh,
Catechumenate Directors
Jeannine Bellinghausen,
Membership Coordinator
Deacon Bill Allein,
Liturgy Assignments & Training
Laveta Peters and Cindy Cox.
Safe Environment Coordinators
Dr. Faye Usala
Parish Pro-Life Director
Dr. Maganne Walsh
Parish Health Ministry

Parish Service Staff

Marge Kenney, Receptionist, Masses,
Building Use
Cathy Freeby, Receptionist, Masses
Arlene Wagner, Accountant, Bulletin
Loretta Dougherty, School Secretary
Lloyd Fitzsimmons, Parish Plant

Parish and School Boards

Lee Kleman and Cathy Ice,
Parish Council Co-Presidents
Tanya Limas, Parish Council Secretary
Linda Kay Robinette and David Huseman,
Finance Council Co-Chairmen
Matt Ramsey, Chair of School Board
Denise Wieck, Vice Chair of School Board
Melissa Eyer, Secretary of School Board

Parish Organizations

Jeannie Friddell
Altar Society President
Kevin Morris,
Knights of Columbus
Marge Kenney,
(YAC) Youth Advisory

M A S S I N T E N T I O N S

Monday, January 3rd

7:00 am + Dan Sheridan by Rosemary & John Chomiak
12:10 pm + Nancy M. Mayfield by Paula Adams
5:15 p.m. + Hilda Birkenfeld by Alvina Braddock

Tuesday, January 4th

7:00am + Clara O'Neal by Philip & Catherine Wedding
12:10 pm + Raymond Huseman by JC & Jocelyn Pohlmeier
5:15 pm + Juan Reveles by Lyle & Nancy Fetterly

Wednesday, January 5th

7:00 am + Chemsai Jones by Kampho
12:10pm + Pat Garvey by Ed Gerken
5:15 pm + Rachel Wedding by Philip & Catherine Wedding

Thursday, January 6th

7:00 am Int. St. Mary's Church Office Staff by Cathy Freeby
12:10 pm Intention Ann Meyer by Order of Martha
5:15 pm Intention Carl Hartman by Juanita & Gaylord Melecha

Friday, January 7th

7:00 pm + James McKinney by Abe & Dottie Lopez
9:00 am + Ralph Kerr by Stephen Ministry
12:10 pm Intention Mark Halpin by Donor
5:15 pm + Joe & Leola Peters by Mary Jo & Allen Monroe

Saturday, January 8th

9:30 am Living and Deceased Members of Altar Society
5:30 pm + Nathan Milke by Mary Wheelock

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 am + Alexander Blaine Maldonado by Clement &
Diana Leier
9:15 am Intention of Blessed Mother by Jessica Percifull
12:00 pm Intention of the Parish Family
6:00 pm + Jose Casildo Barba by Omaira Blackstock

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sun: (Jan 2)Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon: 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-12; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thur: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17; Lk 4:14-22

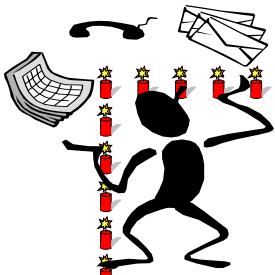
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6,9; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas and that all of you will have an exciting New Year, with a new look at life with God and his Church. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the cards, candies, cookies, tamales, gift certificates, money, and especially your love for me. May God bless you and your families.

Father Arthur Rodriguez



“Sparky’s” Embers

CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT

20 + C + M + B 11

CHRIST BLESS THIS HOME

The traditional blessing of Epiphany and the New Year.

C = Caspar M = Melchoir B = Balthazar

The names of the Three Kings.....The Magi.

**May All the families of our Parish be at home with
The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Again, I want to thank you for the Christmas gifts, the cards, the gift cards, the money, the baked goods, the candies, the goodies, the religious gifts, the tree ornaments.....you are most generous, loving and good to me. I LOVE YOU AND I THANK YOU.

Because of the generosity of the ST. Mary’s Parish Members, there will be a pay-ahead and pay-forward payment down of the loan for the new church of \$100,000 with extra ear-marking for the new church building...ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL. Thank you!

We are already paying down the note with Amarillo National Bank at the rate of \$15,000 per month, which puts us ahead of schedule...and now we reduce that significantly....THANK YOU. Msgr. H.W.

First Holy Communion Exams and Reviews of all the children in religious education begins on the 4th of this week....First Holy Communion begins on the Sundays of January.

The Blessing of new Stephen Ministers this weekend who now commit to their 50 hours of formation and training before Easter Commissioning. The blessing of new ministers in training will be at 9:15 and 12:00 Masses.

Sacrament of the Sick....Friday, January 7th and Saturday, January 8th at the parish Masses...communal Anointing of the Sick.

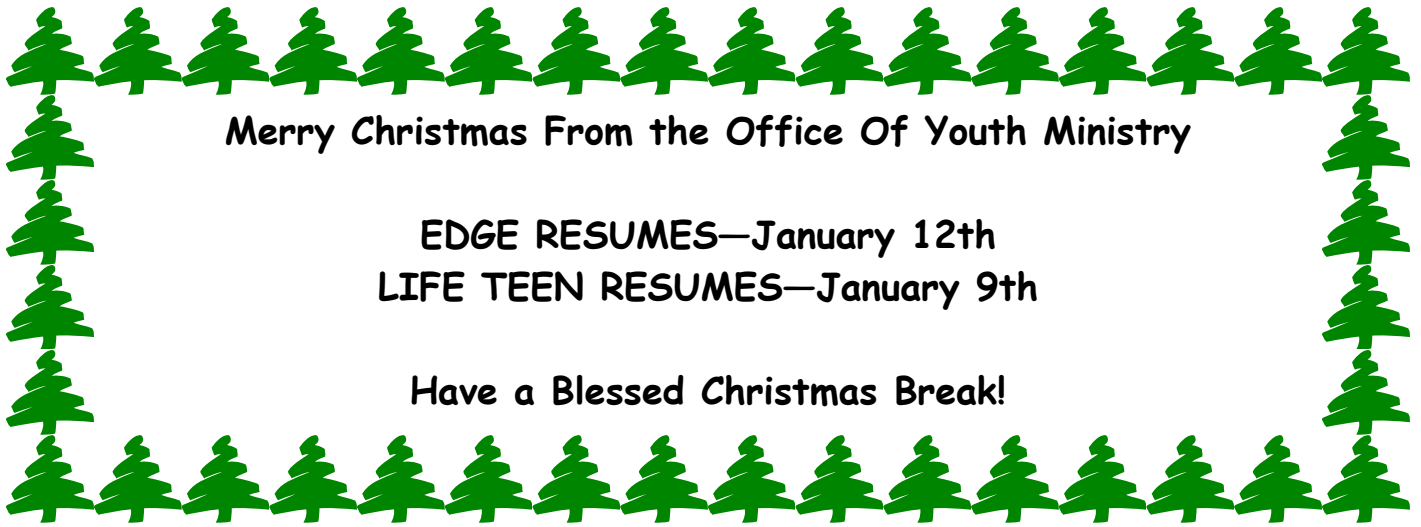
Thank you to all of the wonderful crew who decorated the church for Christmas. I really was not feeling well enough to help this year...respiratory and crud stuff...you did a beautiful job and pulled it off. THANK YOU. Here’s my SIGN...I’m getting old!

My personal thank you to Jim Rogers, parish musician par-excellence, Bernita Hoelting, the parish school music teacher, and Ian Gilmore, Life Teen percussionist for the Christmas Eve 5:30 pm Mass — Beautiful!

The Midnight Mass....Jim and Vanessa Rauscher, the Choir, and the Orchestra....absolutely...FABULOUS...and GORGEOUS.

And Christmas Morning with Jim Rogers and his three adult children...THE QUARTET...I love this Mass in a very particular way. SUPERB!

A BLESSED AND VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU.MSGR. H.W.



Merry Christmas From the Office Of Youth Ministry

EDGE RESUMES—January 12th
 LIFE TEEN RESUMES—January 9th

Have a Blessed Christmas Break!

Safe Environment Training—January 20th at 7:00 pm in the Reception Room. The next one will be sometime in April.

RENEW—

Process coming to St. Mary's: *Why Catholic?* Offers a concrete approach to help adults form their Catholic faith to their everyday lives. It offers a through and systematic exploration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It encourages learning in a prayerful group setting.

RENEW: Why Catholic? Christian Prayer/Deepening My Experience of God. Sign-up begins next weekend. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in this experience.

That Man Is You (TMIY) has completed the Fall Semester and will resume meeting on Saturday, January 15th to begin the Spring Semester. Enjoy the Christmas break. TMIY is open to all men of the parish. For more information, see the bulletin board in the church gathering area, or call David Miller at 806-356-8325.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



For over all, the LORD's glory will be shelter and protection: shade from the parching heat of day, refuge and cover from storm and rain.
 Isaiah 4:6

Find hope in Jesus this season.

Find help in a trained Christian Caregiver. Stephen Ministers are here to help. Confidential cards to be placed in a locked box are available in the Gathering Area or St. Mary's Chapel. You may also call Saint Mary's Stephen Ministry Confidential Care Line **806-331-7776.**

Stewardship 2010 Budget	\$ 1,251,000.00
Contributions December 26, 2010	
Envelopes/loose checks	\$ 48,172.00
Loose coin/currency	\$ 1,695.51
Sub-total	\$ 49,867.51
Retirement for Religious	\$ 810.00
Christmas	\$ 26,211.49
Total Collections	\$ 76,889.00
Weekly Goal:	\$ 24,058.00
Weekly over/(under) (not including special collections)	\$ 25,809.51

A New Dream-A New Generation

Amount Pledged	\$ 455,515.00
Money rec'd December 26, 2010	\$ 9,388.00
Total Rec'd for Year	\$ 267,983.70
Balance of Pledge	\$ 187,531.30

Catholic Campus Ministry

Make plans now to attend the annual Catholic Campus Ministry Auction, Steak Dinner, and Dance Fundraiser (music provided by Young Country) on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 6 pm-midnight. The auction will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo, the tickets will be \$25 per person if bought in advance, however; tickets will be \$35 per person at the door. This will be the perfect opportunity to not only take your sweetheart out for a great Valentine's date but to also purchase something special at the auction while supporting our ministry to the students at WTAMU and Amarillo College. If you have any questions, would like to purchase a ticket (s), or would like to make a donation to our silent and/or live auction, please call Betty Aragon/Auction Coordinator at the Catholic Student Center at 655-4345.

St. Anne's Sewing Circle of St. Mary's will be hosting a sewing **retreat** at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center on Wednesday, February 2, 2011—Friday, February 4, 2011. This retreat is designed for women of faith who enjoy the art of needlework, machine work, quilting, crafts, or scrapbooking, combined with fellowship. Bring a project and join us. For more information, please contact the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center 806-383-1811. Ask for Dari or Robert.



ST. MARY'S
SCHOOL

St. Mary's Catholic School Education for Eternity

A fully accredited, Catholic faith-based education, full academic program and after school extracurricular activities.

Visit our school website

www.stmarysamarillo.org

Kathi Lewis—School Principal

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The Tax Man cometh...soon! Looking for a way to donate some of your extra money? St. Mary's School is highly appreciative of any and all donations.

Amarillo College

LEARN ENGLISH NOW

Registration now being accepted.
Classes start January 18, 2011 for all levels
Morning and Evening Classes Available
3rd Floor Lynn Library
Washington Street Campus
Or call Jeff Martin 806-371-5908

Land for Sale

7141 Stagecoach Trail

Buffalo Ridge

Very nice, tree covered lot; 1.25 acres
New water well produces up to 12 gpm.
Septic tank will be installed when home is set.
Lot faces west and overlooks Rolling Hills Estates.
Asking \$26,000
Call 359-1550, please leave message.

We have all been gifted by the Holy Spirit. Are you using your gifts in the best possible way? Come discover! **Discovering God's Vision for your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts**, is a 7-week course designed to help you discover how you have been gifted and how you can use your gifts to build up the Body of Christ and serve others. It is an interactive class and all materials are free. Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:15 p.m., beginning January 18—March 1. Location: Classroom #3 at the church. Instructor: Kathi Lewis. To register: please call 376-9112; 353-5058; or 674-5805

“WEDDINGS”

Please notify the Pastor at least five (5) months in advance of the date you have chosen.

“BAPTISMS”

Parents and Godparents must attend baptism classes prior to a baby's baptism. The parents need to be a registered member of St. Mary's for at least six (6) months.

“QUINCEANERAS”

Must have attended Faith Formation for 2 years prior to celebration and meet with team in January or June the year of the celebration

Lay Minister Schedule for January 2011

5:30 PM Saturday			8:00 AM Sunday		
Greeters: Melissa Queszada	Jaqueta Urbanczyk Melanie Nichols	Don Wagner Louise Ramirez	Greeters:	Rita Steward Phyllis Nicholl	Courtney Rivera
Announcer:	<u>1st 10 AM, 8th, 15th</u> Cathy Ice	<u>22nd, 29th</u> Arlene Wagner	Announcer:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Myron Lasher	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Tonya Detten
Lector:	<u>1st 10 AM, 8th, 15th</u> Toni Barry	<u>22nd, 29th</u> Harry Haidels	Lector:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Chris Albracht	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Marlynn Commons
Communion Min: Toni Berry Chris Riley	<Dolores Austin> <Maureen Foskey>	{Leon Church} {Don Wagner}	Communion Min: {Don Scrimpsheer}	{Don Ast} Jim Hargis	<Julia Scrimpsheer> <Annette Hargis>
Ushers:	"Abe Lopez" Richard Young	Wade Sillivent	Ushers:	"Richard Sharp" Joe Connell Jr.	Bill Chudej
Mass Set-up:	Janace Poirot		Mass Set-up:		
Slide Minister:	Melissa Barrella		Slide Minister:	Davelyn Duesterhaus	
Servers:	<u>1st 10 AM, 8th, 15th</u> Alyssa Romo Macade Peart McKenna Peart	<u>22nd, 29th</u> Olivia Risselman Ariel Risselman Gavin Risselman	Servers:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Sydni Hargis Rayann Hargis Cory Stephens	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Kaden Hutton Dawson Schmidt Derian Schmidt
9:15 AM Sunday			12 Noon Sunday		
Greeters:	Ann Albracht Kathy Gilmore	Linda Bice Kimberly Gutierrez	Greeters:	Jeannie Friddell Deborah Bridge	Flo Mestas Angie Ochoa
Announcer:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Charlie Sanchez	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Janace Ponder	Announcer:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Oralia Garcia	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Jeannie Friddell
Lector: 1st Reading 2nd Reading	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Tammie Gray Dan Johnson	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Roni Swindell John Walsh	Lector:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Michael Cox	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Angela Barnhill
Communion Min: <Elma Fletcher> {Tammie Gray} Tom Campbell Patrick Kratochvil	Irene Downey Diann Gilmore {Kimberly Gutierrez} Carolyn Boyle Lee Kleman	<Martha Bufford> Glen Gilmore Jo Campbell Andrea Cochran	Communion Min: Nelda Gaitan <Angelica Darnell Eric Darnell	Irma Branum {Charles Mestas} <Flo Mestas> Mark Cruz	{Theresa Cruz} Cossetta Howington Edward Perry
Ushers:	"James McKay" Lee Kleman	David Eck Dennis Paetzold	Ushers:	"Charles Mestas" Mark Cruz	Robert Birkenfeld Frank Jarnevic
Mass Set-up:	Debra McKay		Mass Set-up:	Flo Mestas	
Slide Ministers:	Pedro Limas		Slide Minister:	Andrew Alpar	
Servers:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Nicholas Gilmore Haley Hoelting Sarah Hoelting	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Kylee Johnson Gus Sage Ansley Adkins	Servers:	<u>2nd, 9th, 16th</u> Emily Baumgartner Conor Johns Nathaniel Harris	<u>23rd, 30th</u> Jadynn Leub Jordan Leub Clairissa Salazar
6:00 PM Sunday					
	January 2nd	January 9th	January 16th	January 23rd	January 30th
Lector:	Addison Tenorio	Audrey Kos	Alex Matos	Ian Gilmore	Addison Tenorio
Slide Ministers:	David Miller	David Frye	Michael Kos	David Miller	David Frye
Sacristan:	Anne Frye	Anne Frye	Kathy Raef	Kathy Raef	Anne Frye
Communion Min:	<i>Celebrant</i> Anne Frye Steve Rael	<Karen Ball> {Ron Herr} {Kent Hoelting}	<Kayla Ball> Levina Herr Lora Hoelting	Pam Ferguson Ester Rael Dora Pence	{Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for the entire month-also note key below}
(Minister) - in absence of Deacon {Minister} - Basket <Minister> - Sacristy Duty "Usher" - Assign those to carry gifts					