

Parish Services/Ministries

Anointing of the Sick:

Call 830-484-3302

Adoration:

Every 1st Friday of the Month

7:30am – 1:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the Month

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Baptism:

Contact Pastor for Pre-Baptismal class and to set a date.

Confessions:

Before Masses

Deacons:

Deacon Alan Crosby

Deacon Jesse Nunez

Spiritual Direction:

Deacon Jesse Nunez (210-705-3029)

Rosie Nunez (210-705-3472)

Marriage:

Contact Pastor at least 6 months ahead for preparation and a date.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Gerri Garza at (830-200-9854) or email gerrigarza@gmail.com.

Victim Assistance & Safe Environment

Director:

Steve Martinez (210-734-7786)

Altar Flower Coordinator: Linda

Moczygemba (830-484-2351)

Altar Society

President – Ester Luna

ACTS Mission

Core – William Hons

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Regent – Carol Dziuk

Junior Catholic Daughters

Chairman – Danette Lyssy

Co-Chairman – Stacy Koether

President – Aldyn Johnson

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Deacon Alan Crosby

Faith Formation Classes:

DRE – Rebecca Raabe (830-484-3303)

Funeral Committee:

Leader – Carolyn Krawietz (830-484-3329)

Church Website:

Denise Knight

blessedsacramentpoth.org

Blessed Sacrament Choir

Director – Ginger Jarzombek 830-534-9340

The Healing Rosary



The Litany of our Blessed Mother, and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is being prayed every

Thursday in the Church

beginning at 5:00pm and on

Sunday evenings at 5:00pm in the

Church Pray for yourself, pray for another.

Mass Intentions For The Week of

May 6th through May 12th 2024

Monday, May 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 7

6:00pm

✠ Kyle & Charlene Semlinger

Blessing of Rain

Wednesday, May 8

6:00pm

✠ Grace Dugi, Rose & Conrad Dugi

✠ Jerry Kasper

2024 Graduating Seniors

Blessing of Rain

Thursday, May 9

6:00pm

✠ Thomas & Sylvia Dziuk

✠ Mary & Leon Wiatrek & Deceased

Family Members

✠ Janice Green

Blessing of Rain

Friday, May 10

7:00am

✠ Julie Bell Yosko

Blessing of Rain

Saturday, May 11

5:30pm

✠ Isidore & Julia Moczygemba

Blessing of Rain

Sunday, May 12

7:30am

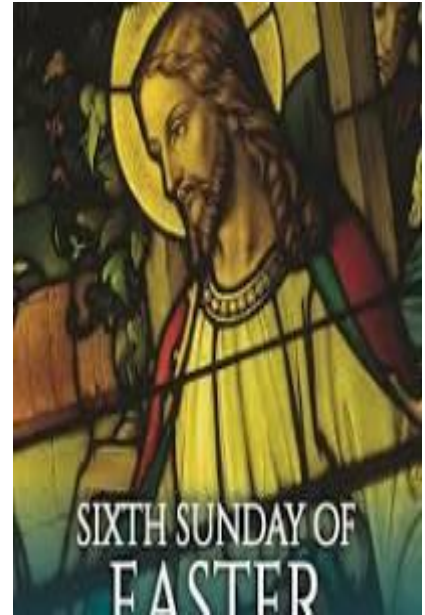
✠ Maria, Braulio & Adam Guevara

Blessing of Rain

9:30am (Children's Mass) (Crowning of Mary)

The Parish Family

Blessing of Rain



Second Collection for the Needy in our Community will be the weekend of 5/18 – 5/19.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11, 2024 (5:30PM Mass)

Deacon: Deacon Jesse

Lector: Dawn Dylla

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Terry & Verna Gorzell

Choir: *****

Ushers: Kenneth & Carol Hosek

Sunday, May 12 (7:30 AM. Mass)

Deacon: Deacon Jesse

Lector: Debbie Wiatrek

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Jan Rippstein, Lupe Hernandez

Choir: Francine Dugi

Ushers: Rodney Kotara, Bryan Orth

Sunday, May 12 (9:30 AM)

Deacon: Deacon Jesse

Lector: Student

Body of Christ Minister: Deacon Jesse

Blood of Christ Ministers: Mary Baumann, Shawn Nelson

Choir: BSC Choir

Ushers: Students



**WE PRAY FOR THE
SICK IN OUR
COMMUNITY: LET**



US PRAY: May the Lord of Love and Mercy send the grace of healing and consolation upon all our sick and in our community, especially: *Marie Ponce, Manuela Ponce, Dolores Kieke (1/4), Armin Beutnagel, Benjamin Kotara (11/3), Rita Olenick (10/25), Debbie Liska (10/6), Robert Vontur (8/30), Bob Green (8/30), Ryder Drzymala (8/10), Jose Compain (7/25), Al & Connie Kollodziej (6/30), Maria Herrera, Lynn Hall, Teresa Sanchez, Sal Toscano (6/29), Victor Rush (6/29), Baldo Gallegos (6/22), Jesus Daniel Arrellano (1/27), Collins Ortmann (1/27), Irene Valdez (1/13), Tripp Childress (12/16), Kristi Hartmann (6/30), Juanita Flores (7/4), Brad Rihn (5/28), Kolston Weed (12/26), Anita Castellano (12/4), John Herber (10/1), Cherral Frerich (8/7), Jodi Stadler (7/31), Sally Coronado (4/8), Joseph Henke (11/16),* Please call the rectory to add or remove someone from our list.



Let us Pray for those in the

MILITARY: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this

in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *Noah Wiatrek, Michael Jarzombek, Christian Nelson, Derek Raabe, Baldemar Flores IV, Steve Martinez.*

Gracious God - We ask that you bless those who reside in our local nursing homes. Bless them with loving caretakers and friends and family that respect and care for them. Keep them in your prayers.

Floresville Nursing Home

Marie Hosek.

Prairie Meadows: Alois Zaiontz, Fabian Waclawczyk, Margie Arnold, Edna Meyer.

Assisted Living: Rose Labus, Marilyn Millikin

John Paul - Benjamin Dugi, Wilbert Felux

Pleasanton North Health & Rehab - , Dora Cervantes

Offertory Collection Totals for

04/27 - 04/28

Sunday -\$3,688.00;

Catholic Home Missions - \$736;

Archbishop's Appeal -

GOAL - \$12,876

TOTAL RAISED - \$4,805.00

Seton Home Donations

May 2024

Age-appropriate shorts, capris and tees for teen women.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Thursday: Ascension of the Lord
Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of The Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascension of the Lord.

Vacation Bible School

Prayers have been answered!!!!

July 22nd - July 26th.

Registration is \$30 per child. Additional children within the family are \$25.00 each. Registration forms and Volunteer Registration forms will be made available soon.

Senior Mass

Mass for this year's High School Graduating Seniors will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm.

First Communion

Scheduled for

This Sunday May 5th.

Congratulations to All and

God Bless.

Dedication Ceremony

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their dedication ceremony this Sunday May 5, 2024 at 8:30 am immediately following the 7:30am mass to dedicate the live oak trees near the parish hall in honor of **Deacon Michael Velasquez and Patrick Moczymba** for their service to our church.

Next Weekend

Special Guest Priest

The weekend of 5/11 - 5/12, Father Stanislaw Fiuk with the St. James Catholic Church in Seguin will be celebrating Mass with us. As a special treat, Father Fiuk will be selling copies of his books he wrote; *Mother of Mercy, Divine Mercy and I'm Begging For Forgiveness.* These will be sold after each weekend mass.

Father Damian

Will be traveling to Poland. He will be gone from 5/10 returning to us on 5/23. Please keep him in your prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to return him to us safe and unharmed. Our parish is truly blessed to have a priest to celebrate Mass for us. We should be very thankful that we are offered the freedom to fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and receive Holy Communion. So many must do without this Holiest Gift from God. So always pray for your priest; all priests.

**Plenary Indulgence Granted by
Pope Francis**

- Panna Maria is a Designated Site Pope Francis has granted the faithful a Plenary Indulgence for the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the canonical erection of the Diocese of San Antonio, created on August 28, 1874. The indulgence is valid between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2026. The baptized faithful who commit to the detachment of sin and follow the steps according to the teaching and law of the Catholic Church receive this indulgence by being in the state of grace at the completion of the prescribed works as follows: ▪ Devoutly visiting a designated site and pray the Our Father and recite the Creed ▪ Meeting the three usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion (receiving Holy Communion), and prayer for the intention of the Pope ▪ Those who are unable due to age, illness, or other circumstances to leave their home can gain the indulgence by spiritually joining themselves to the anniversary celebrations and offering their sufferings to God. The designated sites are: ❖ The Cathedral of San Fernando San Antonio, TX ❖ Saint Mary Catholic Church Fredericksburg, TX ❖ Sacred Heart Catholic Church Uvalde, TX ❖ Saint James Catholic Church Gonzales, TX ❖ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church Panna Maria, TX
For more information, please visit the Archdiocese Website: archsa.org.

Crowning of Mary

Next weekend at the 9:30 mass the communicants will process into the church with flowers for The Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have two of our older youth place the Crown on Mary's head. May is the Month of Mary.

**Cestohowa Church Picnic
May 5, 2024**

BBQ Beef & Polish Sausage with all of the trimmings for \$12.00 per plate. Serving begins at 11:00am.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics.

Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*.

The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Blessed Sacrament Annual Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for this year's annual fundraiser. Saturday, August 10th. In an effort to increase profits for our only fundraiser we are relocating it to the Kosciusko Hall. This move will allow us to increase our ticket sales, add larger and more items to our bucket raffles and just give us more room to move around.

Not to mention the convenient parking accommodations!!!! We most certainly would like to thank the Poth VFW for their support throughout the years. They have truly been a blessing to our church.

With that being said, our Chairmen for this year are Justin & Alyssa Bertrand; Co – Chairs are Nash & Pam Nichols.
Committee Members (who by the way remain on the committee forever and ever Alleluia) are as follows: Father Damian, John & Laurie Lipscomb, Bonnie Heep,

Deacon Alan & Margie Crosby, Deacon Jesse & Rosie Nunez, Karl & Janice Kersh, Butch & Carol Hosek, John & Nicole Dziuk, Ross & Nan Leger, Steven & Mary Raabe, Keith & Sally Lyssy, Keith & Jennifer Krudwig, Richie & Leatte Harris, Brian & Terrie Urbanczyk, Denny & Joy Wiatrek, Darren & Jennifer Wiatrek, Jerry & Betty Moy, Rick & Kathy Felux, Lawrence & Mary Ann Jansky, Garrett & Amy Wiatrek, Rodney & Cheryl Kotara, Melvin & Sara Dallmeyer, James & Liz Urbanczyk, Randy & Ursula Wauters, Patrick & Mandy Skloss, Greg & Terrie Dunn, Wesley & Lisa West, Mark & Jackie Moczygemba, Greg & Michelle Scheffler, Jonathan & Jenna Ulrich, Blaise & Kimberly Kopecki, Bradley & Stacey Koether, Preston & Jenifer Moczygemba.
Anyone interested in joining this elite group please let us know.

We need the help.

This year's Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm. This will allow us to begin our fundraiser with prayers for a successful year. It will also allow us to begin the ticket calling earlier.

This year's menu consists of BBQ & Sausage with all of the trimmings catered by Outlaw Catering.

Quilt Raffle, Bucket Raffles (Combo's will be available for purchase), 50/50 Card Game.

Donations:
\$2,500 Cash by Anonymous; \$500 Cash by Raffle Committee; \$400 Hall Cleaning Donation by Deacon Jesse & Rosie Nunez.

Tickets go on sale the weekend of 5/18 – 5/19.