



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

Office of Communications

## PASTORAL UPDATE: APRIL 17, 2018

Planning a parish event? To choose the best date, visit our **DIOCESAN CALENDAR** (under Calendar at top of page) at [www.catholiclubbock.org](http://www.catholiclubbock.org).

Many events -- including retreats and jamaicas -- are listed.

Call us at 806-792-3943 Ext. 218 or e-mail [pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org) with news about any parish event of interest to the diocese by *noon on Tuesday*.

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### TOP NEWS - MOST RECENT.

**EARTH DAY** is **April 22**, 2018. The following websites have suggestions on how we might remember and celebrate the blessings of this earth that God has graciously provided us:

Catholic Climate Covenant: <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org>; **Earth Day 2018**:

<https://www.earthday.org/>; and *Laudato Si*, exhortation of Pope Francis--especially chapter one.

**REMINDER** – The Rural Life Mass is **Wednesday, April 25** @ 6 p.m. See below for details.

**SENIOR BINGO** - **Wednesday, April 25**, 1:30 -2:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Main Office , 102 N. Avenue J, Lubbock. Seniors (60+), come join us every Wednesday for bingo. Prizes, snacks, and a good time for all!

**PEOPLE OF FAITH AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY** -The next scheduled execution in the State of Texas is **April 25, 2018** – Erick Davila. If this is not stayed, there will be a prayer vigil held at Saint John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Ave, from 5:45pm to 6:15pm on the night of the execution. Please pray for those on death row and for all crime victims. For more info, please contact Beth Pressley, Saint Elizabeth parishioner, 789-9002. *The death penalty arouses deep passions and strong convictions. People of goodwill disagree. Our goal is not just to proclaim a position, but to persuade Catholics and others to join us in working to end the use of the death penalty. We seek to help build a culture of life in which our nation will no longer try to teach that killing is wrong by killing those who kill.* —USCCB, *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*

**ACTS COUPLES POTLUCK** – **Friday, April 27**, 7-9 p.m., Saint Joseph Church, 102 N. Avenue P, Lubbock. Small Group potluck dinner; drinks provided. All ACTS member are invited.

**DIA DEL NINO** – **Monday, April 30**, 4-7 p.m., games, food & fun. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1301 Avenue K, Snyder. Fun time for children...free of charge.

**CHURCH GARAGE SALE** – **April 28 & 29th**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., **May 5 & 6**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Church-wide garage sale, Saint John Neumann Church Hall, 22nd & Frankford. Call Stella- 806-778-4288 with items to donate. Proceeds benefit Odilia Orphanage in Kenya.

**STUDENT CENTER RIBBON CUTTING** – **Sunday, May 6**, 7 p.m., for the new John Saleh Catholic Student Center, 2217 Main Street, Lubbock. Bishop Coerver and other city and state dignitaries will be present.

**CINCO DE MAYO** – **Sunday, May 6**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saint George Church, 901 North 16th, Haskell.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION** – Sunday, May 6, 12-10 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, 1301 Avenue K, Snyder. All are welcome to this fundraiser.

**BIBLICAL WALK** - San Ramon Catholic Church will offer a five week study of the "Biblical Walk Through of the Mass" by Dr. Edward Siri, Wednesdays, **June 13-July 18**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (No meeting July 4). From the opening Sign of the Cross to the concluding *Thanks be to God* this program will help you to encounter our Lord more deeply in the Liturgy itself. By understanding the meaning and biblical foundation of what we say and do in the Mass, we will be better prepared to give ourselves to Jesus in every prayer and gesture. Cost for the book and workbook is \$20. To register, contact Tricia Vowels at 806-777-2089 or [tvowels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tvowels@sbcglobal.net) by **May 25, 2018**.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NIGHT TO REMEMBER**- Friday, **June 1**, at 6 p.m., McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center, 17th & University. Night to Remember is Catholic Charities' largest annual fundraising event. The Night includes dinner, drinks, a silent auction, a live auction, and a good time while supporting those most in need in our community. To find out more or purchase tickets visit: [www.cclubbock.org/night-to-remember](http://www.cclubbock.org/night-to-remember). We are also looking for auction items for our silent and live auctions. If you have something you would like to donate from gift cards to sports tickets to jewelry and more, please contact Meghan O'Rourke at (806) 765-8475 or [meghan@cclubbock.org](mailto:meghan@cclubbock.org)

### Parishes and Around the Diocese

**HELP WANTED!** Mercy Retreat Center – Kitchen Cook & Helpers- Individuals, couples, teams- to help cook for retreats and functions and keep the kitchen, pantry, dining areas clean. Part-time positions. Primarily weekends and some weekdays. Starting pay: \$8-10/hour. Great Weekend job! Call or text Mark-806-789-8456.

**AROUND 2 IT DAY** – Have you been putting off preparing documents necessary for all of us? On **Thursday, April 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, a meeting at Mae Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak, Lubbock, will help you get started. Some attorneys will be on hand to take down information for wills, power of attorney documents, etc. This is Pro Bono!

**CALLING ALL ANGELS BENEFIT DINNER** – **Thursday, April 19**. Monsignor David Cruz invites all to an event that will benefit the Saint John the Baptist Building Fund. Deacon Chris Dougherty, a certified speaker, coach and trainer, will speak. All are invited to the 6 p.m. reception, silent auction, 6:30 p.m. welcome and dinner, Arnett Room, 6th level, Covenant Children's Hospital, 4002 24th Street, Lubbock. For information: 806-771-2673.

**ANNUAL SAUSAGE FEST** -Sunday, **April 22** 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. German sausage and sides- \$10/adults, \$6/kids 10 and under. Country store, silent auction, raffles, games. Saint Elizabeth Church, 3005 Avenue A, Snyder.

**RURAL LIFE MASS** – **Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m.**, David & Fran Ehler Farm, 13708 County Road 2500, Lubbock. Join Bishop Robert M. Coerver and those connected in any way to the agriculture industry or rural life for this annual Mass, to pray for safety for all those who labor in the fields....and for favorable weather. Meat is provided. **BRING:** a side dish and/or dessert to share; and soil, seeds and/or plants to be blessed. **DIRECTIONS: From Lubbock:** head south on I-27. Exit toward Farm to Market Road 1585. Turn left onto 130th Street 1.5 miles. Turn right onto MLK Jr Blvd. (CR 2500) after .5 miles; turn right on Ehler farm. **From Tahoka:** north on US-87 for 19.6 miles. Take Woodrow Rd exit and turn right on Woodrow Road for 1.3 miles. Turn left on MLK Jr Blvd (CR2500) for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Ehler farm. For information: Doug Hlavaty (806)777-0640.

**RUMMAGE SALE** – **April 28**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 52nd & L. Booths (29) available for rental. For information, contact Pedro Luna – 806-778-8589.

**GRADUATION PHOTOS:** High school and college graduates may submit photos for the annual supplement published by Bishop Coerver in the South Plains Catholic. Wallet-sized photos are best, but any close-up will do. Be sure to include your name, address, school, and parish on the back of the photos, and include \$1 and a self-addressed envelope to have your photo returned. Mail to: Graduation Issue, PO Box 98700, Lubbock TX 79499-8700. Photos may be e-mailed to [pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org). Include the above information in your e-mail. Deadline for receiving photos: **May 18**.

**BINGO NIGHT RESCHEDULED** – to **Saturday, April 28**, 7-9 p.m. Saint Patrick's hall, 1603 Cherry, Lubbock. \$5.00 per card. Concessions available.

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS** - "Come and See" will meet **Sunday, April 29**, 2 p.m. at Christ the King Cathedral in the Msgr. Ben Kasteel Room of the Family Activity Center, 4011 54th. Classes are forming for the Fall; this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Secular Franciscan spirituality. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Trevino at [806-543-9111](tel:806-543-9111), or Eileen Gerber at [806-777-8844](tel:806-777-8844).

**ALTAR SERVERS' APPRECIATION MASS** – **Sunday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.**, Saint Joseph Church, 102 N. Avenue P, Lubbock. **RSVP** by **April 13** to Sister Olivia Rico at 806-792-3943 ext 227 or [orico@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:orico@catholiclubbock.org). An appreciation meal will be held in the parish hall following the Mass. All are invited.

**EN-COUN-TER CATHOLICISM:** **Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. in Kasteel Hall**, Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock. A different topic and presenter each week.

**April 18 - Resisting Happiness, "Living Soulfully"** by Matthew Kelly. For this session, in addition to reading "Living Soulfully," Chapters 7-12 (pages 31 thru 59), we will have a brief overview of this second set of chapters in this book. Discussion questions will include: How do you see the influence of God in the many areas of your life? How has prayer impacted your life? What does it mean to live soulfully? If you died today, what would you wish you had done differently? This is our second session of *Resisting Happiness*. We have books and study guides available. Each session is stand alone, meeting the third Wednesday each month. **The right book at the right time can be life changing, Resisting Happiness is that book!**

**April 25- Encounter: Catholic Questions and Responses** - Father Jacob Powell will be our guest to take your questions on a variety of subjects important to Catholics today. If there are questions that have been bothering you or have proven difficult to find a straight answer regarding Catholic doctrines, philosophy, saints, devotions, apologetics..., then this Encounter is for you. This should be a lively and informative time. So what's your question?

### Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

#### **WAYS FOR ADULTS/MINISTERS TO KEEP GROWING IN FAITH:**

--The New Testament has a lot to understand! How do we make sense of it all? The following website offers a short "guided tour" through the New Testament with Dr. John Bergsma.

<https://www.avemariapress.com/webinars/parish/newtestamentbasics/>

--Ave Maria Press provides Professional Development Webinars for parish ministers on the following website: <https://www.avemariapress.com/webinars/parish/>. These webinars offer the opportunity to hear from experts teaching in a variety of ministerial areas. Sign up for webinars and have the opportunity to dialogue with the various presenters.

## Catholic Schools

**CTKC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019-** At Christ the King Cathedral School, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. Enrollment is now open for the 2018-19 school year. Classes fill up quickly, so enroll soon to ensure your spot. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of the school, please contact Becky King at the school office, 795-8283, or via email at [bking@ctkcathedralschool.org](mailto:bking@ctkcathedralschool.org), or visit [www.ctkcathedralschool.org](http://www.ctkcathedralschool.org). We welcome families from across the diocese to our school.

## Office for Young Adults and Youth

**YOUTH RALLY- April 20 – 21**, at Christ the King Cathedral School, 4011 54th. This year's theme is **BE YOU!** This is taken from Matthew 5:48 "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." So how do we reach this perfection? By being who we were created to be, of course! \$35 at the door. Chaperones may register for only \$10. A \$5 non-refundable deposit is needed to complete each person's registration. Any CIA (Post Confirmation) students who would like to serve at the **Youth Rally**, the cost is \$10. (Training sessions April 7 or 14.) To register: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i3YzNPwB79Jc39nH-md-0Or5D\\_8gDBN\\_B4vL3QVARxE/edit?ts=5a8f3184](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i3YzNPwB79Jc39nH-md-0Or5D_8gDBN_B4vL3QVARxE/edit?ts=5a8f3184)

## Office for Marriage & Family Life

**CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Amarillo- Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. through Sunday, April 29, 5 p.m.** - Do you sometimes wonder, "Is this all there is?" Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience that gives couples the opportunity to examine their life together. The emphasis is on communication between husband and wife, away from the distractions of everyday life. Application fee is \$100 per couple, but limited partial & full scholarships are available for couples who reside in the Diocese of Lubbock, and who contact the Office of Marriage & Family Life by **April 16**. For more information, contact the diocesan Marriage & Family Life director, Jenna Chang 806-792-3943 or [jchang@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:jchang@catholiclubbock.org). Apply online at <http://www.meAmarillo.org>

## Office for Vocations

**NUN RUN** – On Saturday, **April 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**, all single, Catholic women ages 13-25 are invited to join in a Spirit-filled experience. Join sisters for prayer, meals and inspiration to live your faith. For more information, or to register call sister Olivia Rico, OSF, 806-792-3943 or [orico@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:orico@catholiclubbock.org); Registration deadline is **April 20**. There is no charge. Breakfast and lunch, as well as transportation, will be provided.

++Let's support vocations in each parish by prayer, recognition and invitation.

**Vocation Blurp** – **Fourth Sunday of Easter** – April 22 – **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What love God has bestowed on us in calling us his children! Pray that you may be faithful to your vocational call. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact the Vocations Office at 806-792-3943 ext. 226 or [johlig@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:johlig@catholiclubbock.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 6-8** – Quo Vadis Camp for young men, Plains Baptist Camp, Floydada

**August 8-10**- Fiat Camp for young ladies, Plains Baptist Camp, Floydada

**September 14** – Vocation Fundraiser

## Office of Stewardship and Development

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: Fourth Sunday of Easter, - April 21/22** - In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?

**Intercession** - That we take time in silent daily prayer to talk and listen to God.

**Cuarto Domingo de Pascua** *En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Jesús referirse a sí mismo como "el buen pastor." Sus ovejas le conocen a él, confían en él, le escuchan y le siguen; tienen fe en que ningún daño vendrá, siempre y cuando se mantengan cerca de él. Nosotros reafirmamos nuestra fe en Cristo cuando renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales en la Pascua. Como corresponsables de nuestra relación con Jesucristo, ¿estamos como las ovejas, dispuestos a escuchar a Jesús, a confiar en él, a seguirle, preparados a renunciar a nuestra comodidad si es necesario?*

**Intercesión:** *Para que tomemos tiempo en la oración diaria silenciosa para hablar y escuchar a Dios.*

## Retreats/ Spiritual Development

**N.B. Posting these Rachel's Corner quotes** in the bulletin every week does a tremendous job of gently reminding those who need healing after abortion that confidential help is available. Sometimes it takes months or longer of seeing these quotes in the weekly bulletin for someone to get the courage to call for help

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** - God's mercy is greater than your abortion. He wants to heal you... Will you let Him? Find God's mercy at a Rachel Weekend Retreat, and let Him heal you. Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is **April 27-29**. Confidential contact: [Kathy.krile@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.krile@gmail.com) and 806-577-5912.

**RINCON DE RAQUEL** *La misericordia de Dios es más grande que tu aborto. Él quiere sanarte.... le permitirás? Encuentra la misericordia de Dios en el retiro de El Viñedo de Raquel y pídele que te sane.*

Contacto confidencial: [Kathy.krile@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.krile@gmail.com) and 806-577-5912. Retiro próximo es **27-29 de abril** de 2018.

### Recurring (Weekly) Activities

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP** - The Frassati Fellowship of Lubbock Young Adult Group meets weekly. Contact Isaiah Lopez at [isaiahlucliopez@gmail.com](mailto:isaiahlucliopez@gmail.com)

**HOLY HOUR – (in Spanish) Tuesdays- 7 p.m.,**  
Levelland Saint Michael Church.

**MASS ON TEXAS TECH CAMPUS: - Wednesdays** at  
12:10 P.M., Kent Hance Chapel Visit  
[www.raidercatholic.org](http://www.raidercatholic.org)

**ADORATION – Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m.,**  
(benediction follows), Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 2305  
Main, Lubbock.

**HOLY HOUR – Thursdays - 8:15 a.m.,** Levelland Saint  
Michael Church.

**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**-Saint John Neumann,  
22nd & Frankford, **7 p.m., Thursdays.**

**HOLY HOUR for Vocations**- Christ the King Cathedral, 7 p.m., every **second Thursday**. Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe- **Thursdays @6:30 p.m.**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Thursdays, February 1 – May 3,** 6:30-8:00 p.m., Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 9810 Indiana Avenue #150, Lubbock. Contact: Sybille Neuber – 806-392-3860.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Rosary (6:30 a.m.) & Mass (6:55 a.m.) for Vocations, Christ the King, 4011 54th.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS @5:30 p.m.** to end abortion and euthanasia, Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford. Every **First Friday** of the year.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS**- 6 p.m. (English), Adoration after Mass til midnight-Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET-** 3 p.m. **First Saturdays** at Christ the King, 4011 54th Street.

**CATHOLIC MOMS OF LUBBOCK – Fridays @ 10 a.m..** Contact: [Vicki.divine@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.divine@gmail.com) or 607-226-6398 for locations.

**AA GROUP-** Family Activity Center Room 3, @noon, **Fridays.** Christ the King, Family Activity Center

Room 3, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. Contact Elaine 806-928-9673 for more information.

**COUNSELING:** Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. For appointment, call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074

### Office of Communications

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY RADIO:** Visit 102.9 FM website at <http://www.olvradio.com> to hear live streaming of EWTN. For program schedule, please see <http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp>.

**TWITTER:** *Bishop Coerver is now on Twitter. You can follow him @BishopLubbock.*  
<https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock>

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**SEND *South Plains Catholic*** story ideas, stories, and photos (including names and explanations) to: PO Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499-8700, or [lflores@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:lflores@catholiclubbock.org). The next deadlines are:

**EDITION DATE: May 2018**                      **DEADLINE:**    April 20

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- April 20-21, 2018** – Youth Rally
- April 21** – Deacon wives/widows brunch, 9:30 CRC
- April 25** - Rural Life Mass, 6 p.m., Ehler farm
- May 9 @8:30 a.m.**, Rogation Day Mass, New Deal
- May 10 @ 9 a.m.**, Rogation Day Mass, Hamlin
- May 11 @ 9 a.m.**, Rogation Day Mass, Ropesville
- June 1, 2018-** Night to Remember
- September 14** – Vocations fundraiser

#### **JAMAICAS –**

- June 3** – Saint Patrick, Lubbock, 12-7 p.m.
- June 3** – Lubbock Saint Theresa
- June 9** – Crosbyton San Jose, 3-11 p.m.
- June 10** – Wolfforth Saint Francis, 12-7 p.m.
- June 23-**Anson Saint Michael, 12-12
- June 24-** San Ramon, Woodrow, 12-7 p.m.
- June 24** – Lubbock Saint Joseph, 11- 8
- July 7** - Floydada Saint M. Magdalen, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- July 15-** Anton Saint Anthony, 11-6
- July 15** – Tahoka Saint Jude, 12-8 p.m.
- July 21 & 22** – Plainview Our Lady of Guadalupe

- July 22-** Saint Ann, Morton
- July 22** -Lubbock OL Guadalupe, 12-8
- July 28** – Abernathy Saint Isidore, 11-8
- July 28-** Brownfield Saint Anthony
- July 29** – Lubbock Our Lady of Grace, 1-8:30 p.m.
- July 29** – O'Donnell Saint Pius X, 12-9 p.m.
- August 11-** Slaton Our Lady of Guadalupe 12-10 p.m.
- August 11** – Spur Saint Mary, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- August 19** – Shallowater Saint Philip, 11:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.