



The Courtyard



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Our Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love, and serve Christ."

Our Parish Vision Statement

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, by engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service."

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New on our Parish Website

www.blessedsacramentscotts.org
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Parish Event Calendar

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Parish Newsletter

Pastor's Message

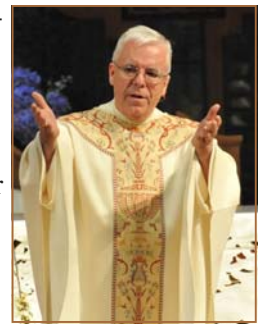
Spring is here, finally!! It has been a long and cold winter. A lot of our trees were damaged due to the many mornings of frost; but, it is looking like most of the trees and plants will recover.

Spring also means the winding down of the school year, as well as, some of other programs in the parish. It is also time to say a big "THANK YOU" to the many, many people who have given of their time and talent to support the programs of the parish. Some examples are the extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers who pray with and give Communion to the many home-bound of our parish. Through their ministry, the celebration of the Mass continues and includes those who cannot be physically present.

Then we have the volunteers who share their faith and help form our young people in the Catholic faith. They teach our children about the faith and, in turn, grow in the same faith that they teach. Thank you on behalf of all the young people of the parish.

We are blessed to have many programs of formation for the young and the adults. It is important that we continue to be formed in the faith, to learn about the faith so that we might better live our faith and be witnesses of Christ's presence. With that in mind, we give thanks for

those who lead scripture study and teach about the history of the Church; for prayer groups of many kinds; and, for those who lead the Day of Adoration on Tuesdays, which is concluded with the Novena to the Miraculous Medal and Benediction. We have the Women's Club, the Knights of Columbus, the newly formed Men's Spirituality Group, Valley Catholic Singles, and many others.



Visitors to our parish comment on how welcoming our parishioners are. This not because of just one person, but, all of us who make up this great, inviting parish. We are all called to be stewards of hospitality, to reach out to everyone around us, friend, family and the visitor looking for a parish home or just a place to pray with community. Your good stewardship of hospitality is shown in the continued growth of our community.

Thank you to each and every member of our parish, young and old alike and parish staff. Through your generous giving of time, talent and treasure, we continue to build the Body of Christ, be living witnesses of Christ's presence in the world, and prepare for His return.

God Bless!

Fr. Pat



Celebrate the Magic of Stewardship

4-Pillar Service at Parish's Annual

Volunteer Appreciation Social

Saturday, May 21—Beginning with 4:30PM Liturgy, followed by Dinner (5:30PM) in the Social Hall

All parish ministry volunteers are invited—in recognition of your service. You and your guest will be honored at an evening of food, fun, and entertainment. Enjoy a great meal featuring authentic Guadalajara Mexican cuisine, prepared by Taceria Guadalajara. Marvel at the Incredible Showmanship of **Fr. James Blantz, c.s.c.**, a world renowned magician, bringing you his "Mission of Magic." Enjoy Mexican music and dance.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required.
Call 480-948-8370 before May 19 to save your seats.

Stewardship is HEART WORK

Enjoy God's generosity to you... then share it with others.

By Dr. Honora A. Norton

Giving is meant to be joyful and fulfilling. God enjoys celebrating with us over the fruit He bears through us. God wants to bless our lives spiritually, relationally and materially. When people are generous and gracious, they exude love and happiness. Generous people create positive feelings in their relationships and cause others to want to be around them. Don't miss out on opportunities to receive God's best—let God move in your heart, in your wallet, within your schedule and within your to-do list.

Generosity is a beautiful word – it conjures up images of joyful giving and receiving. God has entrusted us to use everything we have for a reason – to have the faith to partner with Him to accomplish His purposes, and so we can demonstrate where our true priorities lie. Generous givers make God and His purposes their highest priority. Biblical **Stewardship** is an amazing privilege that God has given especially to us.

People who give generously find themselves blessed in ways they never expected and great things happen to those around them. It is a win-win situation. Jesus said *"it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)."* Proverbs 11:25 tells us that a generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Generous giving and faithful stewardship create opportunities to enjoy God's blessings.

When one understands what life is really about – relationships, joy and eternal impact – we reassess our investments and place them in what truly is a treasure. Everything you do is an investment. You can always pour your time, talent and resources into something. And whatever you pour into, that's where your heart will be. You

can devote yourself to certain people, projects, possessions and passions. You will find where your treasure is; there your heart will be also. Money is the mirror of one's heart before God. It is often said if you take a look at your checkbook and credit card statements, you will be able to tell what you are devoted to.

In closing, **Stewardship** is the path and **Generosity** is the adventure.

Article based on Chip Ingram's *"The Genius of Generosity"* to order copy visit www.generouschurch.com/genius

Unplanned



Book review by Dr. Trish Dolasinski

In the book, *UnPLANNED* (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2010), author, Abby Johnson walks readers through the inside tract of the Planned Parenthood Association (PPA), with details surrounding the profit-making goals that lie beneath the surface facade they attempt to portray to the general public.

Although a faithful, God-loving Christian, Johnson is not a Catholic. To the reader, this tends to offer an even more objective perspective of her true-to-life experiences as a young college volunteer and (later) a director of a Texas PPA branch.

Johnson relates a compelling story of how she first began her work with the PPA under the guise she would be helping women make better health choices, keep them from aborting their babies, and preventing STD. An idealistic college student and counseling major at Texas A & M, this seemed like a noble and strong gesture. The Coalition for Life (CFL) protestors that peacefully paraded in prayer by the clinic each day and night were seen as an enemy by PPA. However, Johnson always found

them courteous and respectful—but, misguided.

Even more personally, she shares the story of her own choice to end her *inconvenient pregnancy*, and then her second choice to repeat it again. As many years pass by, this bright young leader is selected to become the director of a PPA clinic. She continued to counsel women about their options, while also observing and participating in numerous abortion procedures.

Throughout the book, readers are made to feel her struggle with the graphic destruction of human life she sees daily. However for many years, Johnson remains in denial of the evidence in front of her climbing the ladder of corporate success. She builds strong relationships with the CFL, the *opposition*. Johnson marries a good Christian man and has a child, but continues to pursue her work at PPA, against the wishes and hopes of husband/family.

Her epiphany dawns in a crashing crescendo, when she is told that she must increase the number of abortions at her clinic if she wishes to keep her job. No longer can the truth be denied. The directive was given. Johnson painfully laments her decades of work involving for-profit killing of innocent children espoused by the PPA. She turns to the CFL organization for help. They open their arms, as Christ would, and Johnson makes a difference.

If ever there was a doubt about any degree of validity of the work done by the PPA, the truth is clearly revealed in this heartfelt and very real depiction of one woman's life experience. *The book UnPLANNED can be ordered at the Parish Gift Shop.*

INTOY—I'm Not That Old Yet

This parish group loves to have a good time. See the Parish Website for full list of activities; i.e. May 21 lunch and movie at Farrelli's Cinema Supper Club; July 13, Musical Instrument Museum and dinner... Interested? Call Kathy Gallagher at 480-656-3548.



Parish School News

NEW for the 2011-2012 school year! Blessed Sacrament Kindergarten/Preschool has added 2 ½ year olds to our school! They must be completely potty trained and 2 ½ years old by August 2011. The class is on Monday/Wednesdays from 9am – 12pm. Don't forget that we also have classes for 3 year olds, PreK, and Kindergarten. Registration is going on now!! If you know of anyone who would like to register their child for next school year, please tell them to come by for a school tour and pick up a registration packet! Please stop by the school office or call us at 480-998-9466 for the form or for a school tour! We look forward to being a part of your child's education.



We had another great **Silent Auction Fundraiser** on March 4th. Thank you to all who supported us in coming and giving of your time and donations. We made \$22,000!! This is going to help us have a great 2011-2012 school year. We would like to give a special "Thank You" to our financial sponsors who helped us make that night possible: Hansen Mortuary, Bodinet Family, Royal Neighbors of America, Campbell Family, Cigna, North Star Services, Inc., Dr. & Mrs. Reese, and Petra Family

And, thank you to our Silent Auction Committee who worked tirelessly to put together a beautiful night of fun and fellowship, Kristen Butler, Rory Stenback, Jen Kelly, and Kimberly Kupanoff. You did a GREAT job!!

The end of the 2010-2011 school year is coming and we've had another great year! We wish our graduates the

best in their new schools and look forward to seeing many of our students return for the 2011-2012 school year. If you would like to join us for the next school year, please feel free to contact the school office at (480) 998-9466 or hfraher@blessedsacramentscotts.org. School starts on August 15th! It will be here before we know it. Have a safe and happy summer!

Parish's Women's Club

The Women's Club congratulates our 2011-2012 officers: Chris Ryan, President, Barbara Arndt and Kathy Thieken, Co-Vice Presidents, Chris Bukowiec, Treasurer, and Cheryl Segneri, Secretary. Special thanks to outgoing Secretary Kathleen Saverino for her years of service.



We continue to meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall to work on the quilt for the Church Mouse Boutique. You won't want to miss our next Boutique the weekend of November 4, 5 & 6.

Proceeds from the sale of Scrip gift cards and Entertainment Books are donated to help with Church projects such as handicap door openers, a roof for Father Pat's house, and re-paving the parking lot. Purchasing Scrip is easy – stop by the table at the South entrance of the Church to purchase gift cards to fast food chains, local gas stations, coffee cafes, major grocery, drug and discount stores, well-known restaurants and many, many more businesses within our community! A complete list of gift cards is available on the website on "Forms webpage." Entertainment Books will be available in August.

All women of the parish are invited to join us the 2nd Monday of each month from September to May. We enjoy our friendship with each other, listen to wonderful guest speakers, play bingo and bunco and just have fun! We'd love for you to join us. Call Barbara Arndt 480-661-5732 or Kathy Thieken 480-607-8368 for more information.

Parish Staff Changes

Best wishes to new retirees:



Frank Nigliaccio,
Lead day-shift
Maintenance person
Joan Goodman,
Parish School
teacher



Welcome to:
Don Alvarado,
Day-Shift Maintenance person

**This Summer it's
Monday Night Movies**
June 20—Inherit the Wind
July 18—The Mission
August 15—A Man for All Seasons



5:45pm Appetizer Potluck
6:00pm Movie Starts/Popcorn provided
Join in screenings of 3 classics & discussions of faith issues presented in the films.
See Parish Website's Calendar

Blessed Sacrament Parish
*It's "gonna" be a
Sweet Summer!*

**Catholic
Vacation-Bible School**

Join us this year, June 13—17 for **Vacation Bible School's Uncover the Mystery!** St. Martin, Blessed Kateri, St. Nicholas and more will help us to uncover the keys to heaven. Come for craft, game, food, and fun-filled week for ages 4 years-5th grade. Call CM Office at 480-998-1665 to register.



Valley Catholic Singles (VCS)

Our parish is the founding parish for VCS, which provides enriching opportunities for singles to socialize, discover, pray, and serve Christ in a respectful and faith-filled environment. Members may be single, divorced annulled/not annulled, legally separated, widowed, or a single parent. See parish website homepage's Hospitality Pillar for VCS calendar and info.



Spring at the Parish
 (Photos by Kelly Shaughnessy, Kimberly Matura, Kristen Butler & Dr. Honora Norton)



Welcome Ministry A Hospitality Pillar

Invites you
 After Sunday
 Masses to
 Continental
 Breakfast



"Including this Summer!"

