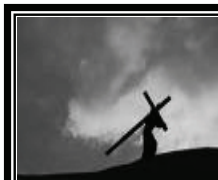


Parish News



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRI., MAR. 4,

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST: The next breakfast will be held on **Sun., Mar. 13, 2016.** They will be serving continuously from **8:00 a.m., to 12:30 p.m.,** in the Gym. **Adults \$7, Children 10 and under \$3.** Proceeds benefit seminarians and charities.

LENT 2016 RECONCILIATION: The final reconciliation service for the Lenten Season will be held at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Tues., Mar. 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours that need to be filled are **Sun., 12:00 a.m., Mon., 12:00 a.m.; Thurs., 2:00 a.m., & 10:00 a.m. & Fri., 1:00 a.m.** The Adoration Door Code will be changing **Easter Sunday, Mar. 27, 2016.** In order to get the new code, all adorers and substitutes will be required to sign a **Confidentiality Agreement** for church security and their own personal safety. **Copies of the Confidentiality Agreement are available in the Adoration Chapel.** After signing the agreement, please place it in the provided box found in the Chapel. You will then be called and given the new code before Easter Sunday. **If you have any concerns please contact Bryan Webb 358-2461, ext. 102 or e-mail him at bwebb@stthomasamarillo.org.**

STA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: If you know someone in need of prayers, please let the Prayer Shawl Ministry reach out to you with a Prayer Shawl. **You can pick up a shawl at the Religious Education Office Mon.-Thurs. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Monetary or yarn donations (three skeins of Lyon Brand Homespun) will be greatly appreciated. : The **Prayer Shawl group meets each Wed. evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** The group also prays the rosary at their weekly meetings.



*A heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, generous gifts, concern and kind words during this most difficult time. Laura is improving each and every day and is expected to make a full recovery. Your continued prayers will be appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you abundantly.
Sincerely, Rita Walker*

Our Stewardship

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Feb. 21, 2016	\$26,831.00	\$28,909.52	\$2,078.52
Month-to-Date	\$80,493.00	\$80,593.99	\$ 100.99

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?"

~Psalm 116:12

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Cleta Bustos, Steve Chontos, Elizabeth Stone, Terry Moenter, Carmen Oviedo, Lynn Gerken, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Donna VonOsinski, Sue Bezner, Esther York, Shanna O'Gorman, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Eveline Rivers-McCoy, Mark Ortega, Bill & Marie Hughes, Ray Harmon, Jeannette Kaminski, Aggie Padilla, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Tony Sisneros, Mary Britten, Frank Galitski, Ray Prien, Mike Hartman, Alice & Ollie Perry, Nancy Mason, Laura Walker, Aggie Padilla & John (Jack) Hoben.

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN: Cruz Rey Esparza, Sheldon Fowler, Shelby Lopez, A. J. Serafin, Lee Wingfield, Sean Callahan, Bryan Revell, John Nussbaum, Rachel Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Christopher Schrock, David Oviedo Cantu, Jacob Bitonel, Jason Freeby, Brandon Owens, Jacob Tumbelson, T. J. Pevehouse & Swasey Brown.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN

Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. **Please contact Eileen Dolan at 358-2461, Ext. 106.**

ST. THOMAS JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Thomas the Apostle Church is seeking a Director of Religious Education. The DRE will oversee the entire faith formation process for members of all ages, including RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Adult Faith Formation, VBS and Religious Education for school children. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. **For further details, candidates may contact the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 358-2461. Resumes should be mailed to the church at 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX, 79109.**

Social Concerns

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst. 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

HELP!!! There is a gentleman in desperate need of assistance. He has cancer of the esophagus and must go to MD Anderson for more surgery. His wife, who also has cancer, found a housekeeping job in a local motel, but the pay is not enough to support the family. Recently they sold most of their furniture to have money for rent and food for themselves and their two children. They are in need of a double or queen size bed and mattress and a microwave. A TV for the children would be a "luxury." If anyone has used items they can donate, please call Eileen in the RE Office, 358-2461. Thank you.

HOP TO IT! Easter Basket ornaments are in the bell tower. Please take an ornament, fill the basket & return it no later than March 20. Include a religious item & attach ornament to basket.

Youth Schedule and Events

Hey guys! High school STAY will be this Wed., Mar. 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in The Dwelling. Hope to see you there!! Friends and new faces are always welcome!

Don't forget to join us for Station of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m., in the church! It's a great way to further our encounter with Jesus during this Lenten season.

****St. Thomas Seniors:** Please check the St. Thomas website at stthomasamarillo.org for important info regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday, West Texas Catholic and Scholarship information. On it are important dates and deadlines to keep in mind! If you want to be recognized in the graduation edition of the West Texas Catholic (we want you to be!) please email me your name and school you'll be graduating from to nagel.gregory@gmail.com. The deadline is March 9!!**

Our next Middle school STAY will be TONIGHT, Feb. 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in The Dwelling. Hope to see you there!

Our next F.A.S.T. of 2016 will also be TONIGHT, Feb. 28, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We'll see you there!

We will also be using Flocknote this year as an additional form of communication for youth news and activities, so please subscribe to the Flocknote group for which your youth will be in!

We have a separate list serve for F.A.S.T. (4th & 5th grade), Middle School S.T.A.Y. (6th - 8th grade) and High School S.T.A.Y. (9th - 12th grade). If you are already subscribed to the St. Thomas Flocknote group, search for the appropriate group under the Youth Ministry tab and click to subscribe!



Music Notes



Thank you for your support for both of our Lenten Fish Fries this year! Thanks especially to the KC's for their help & service. We greatly appreciate it!

Sun. - Feb. 28:
4:15 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal

Wed., Mar. 2:
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir

Sun., Mar. 6
8:00 a.m. - Warm-up for 9:00 a.m. Lent-Youth Choir Mass

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL "BACH'S" LUNCH SERIES

The next recital is as follows:

Fri., Mar. 4, 2016

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Jim Gardner, Organist
Bring a box lunch and some friends with you.

Program begins promptly at 12:05 p.m., with a twenty-five minute organ recital. Following the recital, the host church will provide tea, coffee and a place to eat. You will have plenty of time to get back to work by 1:00 p.m.

The "Bach's" Lunch series is sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Holy Cross Corner



Congratulations to the students from **Holy Cross Catholic Academy** who participated in the 60th year of South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Aron Ronquillo placed 2nd place in 7th grade Biological and received a certificate of excellence

and a \$25 check

Anthony Hernandez placed 1st place in 6th grade Physical
Kylie Alfaro placed 2nd place in 6th grade Biological

Thanks to Cassy Summerlin for leading these students.

Go Mustangs!

Around the Diocese

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Sun., Mar. 6, from 11:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., St. Ann's will be having their 25th annual Czech Sausage Dinner, in the Parish Family Center. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5.00 for children, and children under 5, eat free.

ST. LUCIEN'S CHAPEL is in need of a donated organ in good working condition. If you know of anyone or any place where one can be located, please call Susan Garner, 806-383-2243. She will make arrangements to have it picked up. It is greatly needed by **March 19**, for the 75th Anniversary Mass. Thank you in advance.

MARRIED LOVE – "Husbands and wives should take up the burden appointed to them, willingly, in the strength of faith... Let them implore the help of God with unremitting prayer and, most of all, let them draw grace and charity from that unfailing fount which is the Eucharist. If, however, sin still exercises its hold over them, they are not to lose heart. Rather must they, humble and persevering, have recourse to the mercy of God, abundantly bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance." – Bl. Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae*, no. 25. – www.amarillodiocese.org/for-two

REUNION MASS OF LENTEN JOURNEY will be celebrated in the North Deanery at **Sts. Peter and Paul in Dumas on Wed., Mar. 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone, especially all ACTS members, are invited to come for an evening of renewal, faith, and fellowship. A short reception of community will follow and will include door prizes. Join us. ACTS of Amarillo would love to celebrate with you!

DIOCESE OF AMARILLO JOB OPPORTUNITY: Office of Development and Stewardship seeks **Bilingual Administrative Assistant**. Full-time M-F, 9-5 (some evenings and weekends) **Required qualifications:** at least 3 years of administrative experience and fluent in Spanish. This position assists the director with day to day data entry of donor information and stewardship events. Processing, updating, and keeping financial records. Requires proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel. Graphics software applications are a plus. Ability to multitask, high attention to detail, organizational skills, and must feel comfortable working independently. Must have Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and Spanish. This position offers great benefits, sick leave, and paid holidays. **Please send resume to: krichard@dioama.org or mail to Office of Stewardship, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF

PastorRev. John Valdez
 DeaconBlaine Westlake
 Deacon Phillip Whitson
 Retired Deacon Jim Brown
 Retired DeaconTerry Pevehouse
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner
 RE/Social Concerns/AFF Dir.Eileen Dolan
 Assistant Music Dir.Nicole Koetting
 Youth DirectorGreg Nagel
 Parish SecretaryRita Walker
 Facility AdministratorBryan Webb
 Parish BookkeeperVirginia Christian
 Religious Ed SecretaryDebi Banach
 Parish Life CoordinatorJulie Jones
 Ministry AssistantDayamin Winchester
 Music SecretaryJudith Tucker
 Music AssistantStephanie Gallegos
 Facility AssistantGlen Starcher
 Facility AssistantTony Derda
 Liturgical EnvironmentalistJulie Pierce

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 28:
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday, February 29:
 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 1:
 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 2:
 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 3:
 Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday, March 4:
 Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday, March 5:
 Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday, March 6:
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	2/29	NO MASS	
Tuesday	3/1	7:00 AM	+Ella Mae Sweeney Duane & Barbara Carlson
Wednesday	3/2	7:00 AM	+Hillary Dee Hodges Trever & Jennifer Wagner
Thursday	3/3	7:00 AM	+Linda Kelly Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday	3/4	7:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	3/5	5:00 PM	+Norma Kratochvil Shirley Mager
		7:30 AM	+Leroy Leveling Lou Ann Leveling
Sunday	3/6	9:00 AM	MEMBER OF PARISH FAMILY
		11:15 AM	Spec. Int. of Fr. Gregory Pendergraft Ryan Huseman Family

Religious Education News

February Calendar

Sun. Feb 28th RCIC Parent Mtg. 10:10 Rm. B 1

FAMILY ACTIVITY: LITURGY

The Liturgy is the public worship of the Church, the people of God. First and foremost it refers to the Word of God and the Eucharist. However, it also includes the other sacraments through which we receive God's grace. At the liturgy (the Mass), the Church prays to the Father with Jesus in the Holy Spirit. It is the most sacred action, and all of our lives and actions should come from it. Since this most important liturgy is celebrated in our Church, it is important to know about the sacred space at St. Thomas. With your family, make a floor plan of St. Thomas. Include the altar, ambo, sanctuary lamp, baptismal font, and paschal candle. Then discuss how each feature is related to the liturgy. If you prefer, walk around the Church before or after Mass and identify the items listed above. Talk about the meaning of each in relationship to the liturgy.

Adult Faith Formation

“An Interview with the Musician”

A Spiritual Journey

With Jim Gardner and Jay Ricci

Watch it on Demand. Go to the website: stthomasamarillo.org, click on Sunday Mass Live, and select “An Interview with the Musician.”

LENTEN LONGINGS

Join us for Lenten Reflections on the
SUNDAY READINGS OF LENT.

Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
In the Marian Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 29

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel

Tuesday, March 1

10:00 a.m. - AFF Class IV - “Unlocking the Bible” -Marian Room

2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Msgr. Tash Hall

Wednesday, March 2

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library

9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor

11:00 a.m. - Lunch Bunch - The Dwelling

5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

6:30 p.m. - AFF Class V - “Catholic Faith” -Marian Room

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

6:30 p.m. - Children’s Lenten Choir Practice - Church

7:00 p.m. - High School STAY – The Dwelling/Gym

7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - B5

7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

Thursday, March 3

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel

2:00 p.m. - Our Lady’s Rosary Makers - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Roundtable Meeting - Msgr. Tash Hall

Friday, March 4

10:00 a.m. - Lenten Longings (AFF) -Marian Room

5:00 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry #2 - Gym

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 5

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall

9:30 a.m. - AFF Book Club - Marian Room

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

4:00 p.m. - Cantor’s Rehearsal - Music Wing

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library

9:00 a.m. - Youth Lenten Music Mass #4 - Church

11:15 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library

12:30 p.m. - Finance 101 - Marian Room

12:30 p.m. - Depression Support Group - Bride’s Room

4:15 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing

5:00 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing

5:45 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing

Need more information about St. Thomas?

GO to the website: stthomasamarillo.org.

Do you know someone homebound, sick &

can’t make Mass? GO to the website and

check out Mass every weekend streamed

LIVE at 11:15 a.m., on Sunday mornings! (Broadcast begins at 11:00 m.)

