

## Parish News

**ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB** will meet **Mon., Apr. 4, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Msgr. Tash Hall. All men of the parish are invited. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and service to the parish. All are welcome to pray the rosary with us beforehand at 6:30 in the chapel.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST:** The next breakfast will be held on **Sun., Apr. 10.** 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.

**ALL COUPLES IN THE PARISH WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 50 OR MORE YEARS, INCLUDING THOSE COUPLES WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR,** will be recognized at the **11:15 Mass on Sun., May 15.** In addition, a sit-down luncheon with reserved seating will be held in your honor in the Msgr. Tash Hall immediately following the Mass. Please call the parish office, **358-2461, by Mon., May 2, if you will be able to attend.**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The **33rd Annual Jerry Harpole Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on **May 21, 2016.** Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more information.

**GREETERS MINISTRY:** Come join this new ministry and be prepared to greet and welcome all those who enter the doors of our parish! **For more information, you may contact Rhonda Saied at [rhonda.saied@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.saied@gmail.com) or Frances Elders at [franceselders@gmail.com](mailto:franceselders@gmail.com)**

**OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS OF ST. THOMAS** will be presenting newly Baptized babies or children with a blessed baby blue or light pink rosary. If you would like more information about this, please e-mail [sisneros@att.net](mailto:sisneros@att.net).

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At this time, the hours needing to be filled are **Sun., 12:00 a.m., and Fri., 1:00 a.m.** Thank you to all regular and substitute Adorers who have signed up. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

### **THE MARGARET ANDERSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2007 for Senior girls who are members of St. Thomas. For the class of 2016, a \$3000 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding girl who demonstrates all of Margaret's strengths: attendance at religious education classes, service to the church and community, outstanding academics, sportsmanship and leadership. **Applications for both the Margaret Anderson and STMC scholarships are available in the Youth Office and must be completed and returned by April 15.**

## Our Stewardship

	Budget	Actual	Variance
March 20, 2016	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 28,704.36	\$ 1,873.36
Month-to-Date	\$ 107,324.00	\$ 107,213.44	(\$ 110.56)

*"You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day."*

~Deuteronomy 8:18

## 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, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan & Robert Mitchell.

**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

**"Jesus takes flesh in Word and Sacrament and Community, and calls us to be His body: to walk the extra mile, turn the other cheek, share the extra shirt or blouse, and to do with this particular man, this particular homeless woman, this particular hungry child, whether we "like" them or not."**

**Fr. Bill Skeehan**

**To Dance with a Cross on Our Back**

**Thank you to all who participated in our Easter Basket project. Please know that you have made someone experience the joy of Easter, that they otherwise would not have known. God bless you!**

## Youth Schedule and Events

We'll be having **High School STAY** this **Wed., Mar. 30**, from **7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in **The Dwelling** as we review the last of our Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues video series!

**\*\*St. Thomas Seniors:** Please check the website, [stthomasamarillo.org](http://stthomasamarillo.org), for important information regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday and Scholarship information. **Men's Club Scholarships are due April 15!!\*\***

Our next **Middle School STAY** will be next **Sun., Apr. 10**, from **6:30-8:00 p.m.**, in **The Dwelling**. Hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome!

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. (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle School S.T.A.Y. (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and High School S.T.A.Y. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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



Sunday, April 3

4:15 p.m. -Youth Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. -Youth Musical Rehearsal – Choir Room

Wednesday, April 6

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. -Youth Musical Rehearsal – Church  
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals  
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir

Sunday, April 10

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5:00 - 6:30 p.m. -Youth Musical Rehearsal – Choir Room

## Holy Cross Corner



**Holy Cross Catholic Academy** athletes were recently honored by TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) for the recently completed basketball season in District 1 –1A.

### 1<sup>st</sup> team All District:

Junior - Claudia Moreno  
Sophomore - Marc Lopez  
Senior - Patrick Nguyen

### 2<sup>nd</sup> team All District:

Senior – Mariah Escoto  
Sophomore – Anna Phillips  
Junior – Ryan Huseman  
Junior – Emmanuel Marquez  
Freshman – Shane Huseman

### Honorable mention:

Freshman – Mary Huseman  
Freshman – Jenna Rickwartz  
Junior – Kayla Willhelm  
Sophomore – Gabriel Moreno  
Sophomore – Particio Villafuerte

**Congratulation to these athletes! Go Mustangs!**

## Around the Diocese

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, CLARENDON:** St. Mary's will be hosting their **20th Annual BBQ Dinner** on **Apr. 10**, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in the Clarendon Activity Center, State Hwy. 70 North. Cost for adults is \$12 (in advance) or \$15.00 at the door and \$6.00 for children (in advance) or \$7.00 at the door and is "All you can Eat." Entertainment provided by Ed Montana. For more information, call the church office at 806-874-3910.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BORGER:** St. John's Church will be hosting their **Annual Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner**, on **Sun., Apr. 10**, from **11:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m.** Adult tickets are \$9.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$5.00. Take-out is available and there will also be a bake sale. For more information, call the church office at **806-274-7064**.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, UMBARGER:** St. Mary's will be hosting **Frühlingsfest** on **Apr. 30**, at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$100 per couple and include a meal, dance and reverse raffle. Prizes range from \$5,000 to \$2,000. Must be 21 to attend. For tickets, call Lea Ann, 806-499-3334

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP):** Learn at home and at your own pace with the Home Study Course from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org). Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really can space babies,) a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by e-mail. Completion certificate, \$70.00 We are listed at the U.S. Bishops' website under NFP long distance learning:

[www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm)

**FOR TWO - "BELOVED" SERIES** - Love is like a fine wine. Mature love ferments into something like wine. The fermentation process involves trials and ordeal. The process requires endurance and the result is like fine wine – complex, subtle, superior to grape juice. **BELOVED begins Sun., Apr. 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** [www.amarillodiocese.org/for-two](http://www.amarillodiocese.org/for-two).

**DIOCESE OF AMARILLO JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Office of Development and Stewardship seeks **Bilingual Administrative Assistant**. Full-time Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., with some evenings and weekends. Candidates must have at least 3 years of administrative experience and be fluent in Spanish. Work includes processing, updating, and keeping financial records. Must be familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel. Graphics software applications are a plus. Multi-tasking, attention to detail, organizational skills, and ability to work independently are also a must. 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](mailto:krichard@dioama.org) or mail to **Office of Stewardship, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117**.

**Need more information about St. Thomas?**  
**GO to the website: [stthomasamarillo.org](http://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 a.m.)**



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. John Valdez  
 Deacon .....Blaine Westlake  
 Deacon ..... Phillip Whitson  
 Retired Deacon ..... Jim Brown  
 Retired Deacon .....Terry Pevehouse  
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner  
 RE/Social Concerns/AFF Dir. ....Eileen Dolan  
 Assistant Music Dir. ....Nicole Koetting  
 Youth Director .....Greg Nagel  
 Parish Secretary .....Rita Walker  
 Facility Administrator .....Bryan Webb  
 Parish Bookkeeper .....Virginia Christian  
 Religious Ed Secretary .....Debi Banach  
 Parish Life Coordinator .....Julie Jones  
 Ministry Assistant .....Dayamin Winchester  
 Music Secretary .....Judith Tucker  
 Music Assistant .....Stephanie Gallegos  
 Facility Assistant .....Glen Starcher  
 Facility Assistant .....Tony Derda  
 Liturgical Environmentalist .....Julie Pierce

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, April 3:**  
 Acts 5:12-12-16/RV 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday, April 4:**  
 Is 7:10-14/ 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday, April 5:**  
 Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday, April 6:**  
 Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday, April 7:**  
 Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday, April 8:**  
 Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday, April 9:**  
 Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday, April 10:**  
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

**Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:**

Monday	4/4	NO MASS	
Tuesday	4/5	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Canon Artho Ryan Huseman Family
Wednesday	4/6	7:00 AM	+Linda Kelly Dick & Pat Wilcox
Thursday	4/7	7:00 AM	+Sue Lis Gerald Lis
Friday	4/8	7:00 AM	+Marcella Helbert Pat & Peggy Frost
Saturday	4/9	5:00 PM	+Rita Artho Cathy Freeby
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	4/10	9:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Jake Hastings Ryan Huseman Family
		11:15 AM	+Connie Ditto Louis & Pauline Baumhardt

## Religious Education News

### April Calendar

Sun. Apr. 3-	Classes resume		
Wed. Apr. 6 -	RE/RCIC Parent Mtg.	7:00	Hall
Sat. Apr. 9 -	Confirmation Retreat	11:00	Gym
Sun. Apr. 24 -	Communion Prayer Day	12:30	Hall
Thurs. Apr. 28 -	1st Communion Rehearsal	7:00	Church
Sat. Apr. 30 -	1st Communion Line-up	10:00	Parlor
Sat. Apr. 30-	1st Communion Liturgy	10:00	Church

ATTENTION Parents of First Communicants and Confirmation candidates: Please remember to turn in a copy of your child's baptismal certificates to the RE Office no later this Sun., Apr. 3.

In addition, second graders should have their 4 X 4 fabric swatches turned in by today. Please make sure that your child's name is visible somewhere on the fabric (masking tape will do) so that we can make sure it is goes on the right class square. Parents are invited to attend class with their children on Sun., Apr. 10, to help them with the "I am special" lesson and explain the meaning of their fabric swatches.

## Adult Faith Formation

### JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

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### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

First Corinthians and Symbolon II classes resume today, April 3rd.

## Week at a Glance

### **Monday, April 4**

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club - Chapel/Msgr. Tash Hall  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Leader Meeting - Education Wing

### **Tuesday, April 5**

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

### **Wednesday, April 6**

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 Choir Groups - Music Wing  
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, April 7**

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, April 8**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### **Saturday, April 9**

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall  
11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Retreat - Gym  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

### **Sunday, April 10**

7:00 a.m. - KC Breakfast - Gym  
10:05 a.m. - AFF Class 1 - 1 Corinthians - Msgr. Tash Hall  
10:05 a.m. - AFF Class II - Symbolon - Marian Room  
12:30 p.m. - Depression Group - Bride's Room  
12:30 p.m. - Finance 101 - Marian Room  
4:15 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing  
4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit - Msgr. Tash Hall  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing  
5:45 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing

