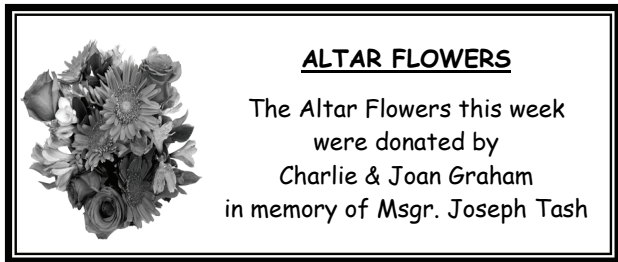


Parish News



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week
were donated by
Charlie & Joan Graham
in memory of Msgr. Joseph Tash

BAGS OF HOPE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will participate in the Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle Bags of Hope Project benefitting the Catholic Charities Hunger Project. CCTXP will check bags out to parishioners following masses on July 9 & 10. Parishioners will fill the bags with much needed protein items from a provided list and return bags to St. Thomas by July 24. All food collected will go directly into the Hunger Project store for those in need age 55+ or disabled or to the homebound. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Kindergarten-5th Graders are invited to join us for Cave Quest Vacation Bible School! **VBS will begin on Sun. evening, July 10, following the annual summer potluck meal. The fun will continue Mon. July 11 - Thurs., July 14.** Registration forms are in the bell tower. For more information, visit our website or contact **Julie Jones in the Parish Life Office, 358-2461, Ext. 123.**

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COLLECTION has been remitted to the Diocese, **Holy Father/Peter's Pence, \$5,109..** Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB is asking for empty salsa jars. If you have any, please bring them to the church so they can be used for future salsa sales. Thank you in advance.

ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP: If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group each Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

BAPTISM CLASS: If you are new parents and/or sponsors, you are required to attend a Baptism class before the reception of the sacrament. Please call the parish office, 358-2461, to register for the next scheduled class.

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
June 19, 2016	\$ 26,831.00	\$25,415.11	(\$1,415.89)
Month-to-Date	\$ 80,493.00	\$78,302.11	(\$2,190.89)

"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers: all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..."
~James 1:16-17

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, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Tony Sisneros, Mary Britten, Frank Galitski, Mike Hartman, Alice & Ollie Perry, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Charlie Hennessey, Madeline Arrott, LaRuth Haverfield, Dick Wilcox, Nathan Tatum, Avery Blais, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Allen Lamb, Darrell Goodin.

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, Cody Keese.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN

Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. **Please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**

ST. THOMAS JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Thomas Church is seeking a **Youth Minister.** The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12th grades and young adults between the ages of 18-30. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. **All candidates should submit resumes to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At this time, the hours needing to be filled are **Sun., 12:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., Mon., 11:00 p.m., and Wed., 2:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m.** Thank you to all Adorers who have signed up, but we are **still in need of substitutes.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

MISSION ROSARIES: If you would be interested in learning how to make Mission Rosaries, please join us **Tues. afternoons in the Marian Room, 2:00-3:30 p.m., through Aug. 16.** There will be a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies. We'll have a light snack afterwards. If you plan on joining us, or have questions, please e-mail sisneros@att.net or call 681-3185. May Our Lord Bless You!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church in your wills, memorials, life insurance, stock, annuity, living trust and other planned gifts.
Thank you.

Youth Schedule and Events

Hope everyone is having a great summer! High school **STAY** is gearing up their summer activities and we'd love for all incoming freshman and outgoing seniors to join us **each Wed. in The Dwelling from 7:00–8:30 p.m.** We'll be taking some occasional nights away from St. Thomas so keep an eye out for emails and announcements to stay in the loop! Hope to see you this Wednesday!

I still have a few spots open for our **Steubenville summer trip July 15-18!** Please contact Greg ASAP if you'd like to attend or for more details!

We're also having our **S.T.A.Y. in College summer group** for all college students who are home for the summer! We'll meet from **7:00–8:30 p.m., each Mon. evening in The Dwelling.** I hope to see many of you as we decide what y'all want to discuss and dive deeper into this summer!

Please contact Greg Nagel at nagel.gregory@gmail.com for more information about any of our summer program and activities.

Holy Cross Corner



The **Holy Cross Catholic Academy Class of 2016** gift of the cross is an open invitation to drive by in the late evening to see the aura that the seniors hope will instill peace and comfort in every person that passes by. The cross, larger than life, hangs on the front of the school in a place that seems to beckon us—and all—to one place.

Thank you to the Class of 2016!

Around the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time (potentially Full-Time) Physical Education Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate P.E. teacher for our school who strives to teach students how to be physically active for a lifetime. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree and must hold a valid teaching certificate with an EC-6 Physical Education endorsement. **Or:** A non-degreed person may be employed as specified by TCCED, please inquire with the school principal. Interested persons may pick up an application at the school and/or email the following documents: Cover Letter, Current Resume, and List of References to Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com, or mail to 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo, TX 79102.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The **Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center** has an immediate full-time opening for an **Administrative Assistant**. Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel and must be detail oriented and work well with people. The successful applicant will handle various administrative duties as well as weekday hospitality needs of the Retreat Center. The **Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center** offers a great working environment, and competitive salary and benefits. Send resume to Linda Durante at Ldurante@dioama.org, or call 806-383-1811. Resumes will be accepted through June 24, 2016

Around the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: **Holy Cross Catholic Academy, the Diocese of Amarillo's middle school and high school (grades 6-12), is seeking a new principal, beginning in the summer of 2016.** The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic willing and able to continue to uphold and strengthen the school's commitment to fostering spiritual growth, academic excellence, and a life of service. Applicants must hold a master's degree, with a minimum of 18 graduate credits in educational administration. Please send a letter of application, resume, a statement of philosophy of Catholic education, and contact information for at least 3 professional references to Fr. Robert A. Busch, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Amarillo, at rbusch@dioama.org. Review of applications will begin immediately.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: **St. Joseph's Church, 4122 S. Bonham St., will celebrate a military Mass** for all deceased living and active Veterans. Let us give thanks to our Lord God and to all the veterans that have given up so much. Everyone is invited to attend. **The Mass will be held July 2, at 5:00 p.m.**

ACTS AMARILLO invites YOU to join them for a faith-filled weekend this summer that will give you a generous dose of God's grace. **Times are as follows: Men's Retreat Aug. 11-14.** Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! It makes a GREAT Father's Day gift! Register today at www.actsamarillo.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Learn at home and at your own pace with the Home Study Course from NFP International, 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.

RETROUVAILLE: Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 19-21, call **Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520, or e-mail us at retrocouple@suddenlink.net or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.**

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL: Know any retired teachers/ educators or anyone who loves teaching? St. Mary's Cathedral School is looking for a few volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year to aid our teachers and staff with a gifted & talented and/or tutoring program. The number of hours and days are very flexible. This is a great way to continue sharing your gifts but without all the headaches. Anyone interested please email our **Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com or call 806-376-9112.**

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
 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, June 26:
 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday, June 27:
 Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday, June 28:
 Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23
Wednesday, June 29:
 Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday, June 30:
 Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 1:
 Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday, July 2:
 Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
Sunday, July 3:
 Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	6/27	NO MASS	
Tuesday	6/28	7:00 AM	+Andrea Lejeune Raymond & Sammie Wood
Wednesday	6/29	7:00 AM	+Charles Harpool M/M Robert Parker
Thursday	6/30	7:00 AM	+Vincent Venhaus Lloyd & Della Venhaus
Friday	7/1	7:00 AM	+Becky Teeter Shirley Kuriyama
Saturday	7/2	5:00 PM	+Paul Kaufman Mary Sweeney
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	7/3	9:00 AM	+Clare Wood Raymond & Sammie Wood
		11:15 AM	Spec. Int. of Mary Ann Engler Mary Ann Manske

Religious Education News

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS . . .

First Communion pictures have arrived and can be picked-up in the Bell Tower. They will remain in the Bell Tower until the end of June, after which they can be picked -up in the RE Office Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES . . .

Confirmation certificates are ready to be picked-up in the Bell Tower. They will remain in the Bell Tower until the end of June, after which they can be picked up in the RE Office Mon. through Thurs. between the hours of 9:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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Week at a Glance

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - S.T.A.Y. In College - Dwelling

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

2:00 p.m. - Mission Rosary Makers - Marian Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library
9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing
7:00 p.m. - VBS Volunteer Training - Msgr. Tash Hall
7:00 p.m. - HS S.T.A.Y. - Dwelling

THURSDAY, June 30

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

FRIDAY, July 1

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, July 2

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
4:00 p.m. - Cantor’s Rehearsal - Music Wing

SUNDAY, July 3

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

