

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4100 South Coulter Street

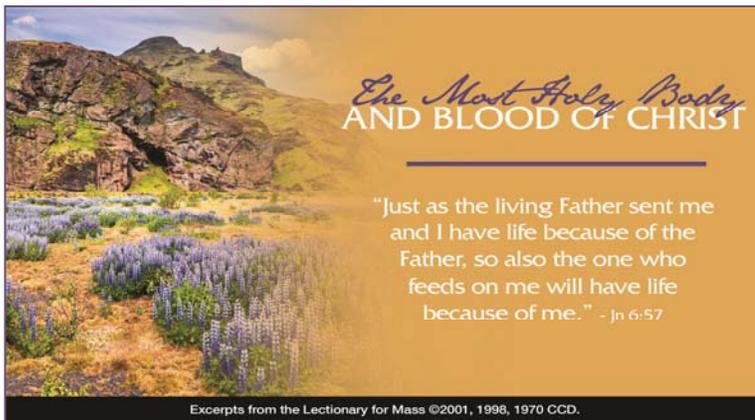


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Diocese of Amarillo



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REFLECTION

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM
 Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM
 Holy Days: (to be announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
 Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a date and time. Parents and sponsors must attend a Baptism class. One sponsor must be Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

These sacraments combine into one sacramental preparation program which takes two consecutive years of religious education classes to complete. Students must be at least in first grade to begin this preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This sacrament takes two consecutive years of faith formation to complete. Students must be in at least sixth grade before beginning this preparation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding.

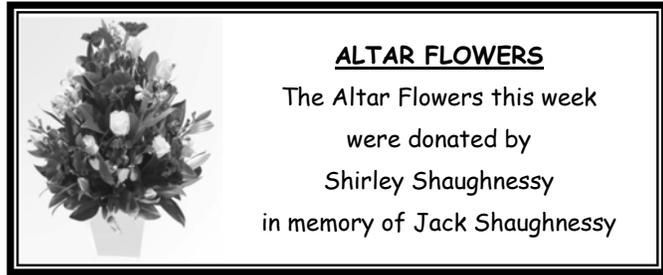
Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish secretary of any sick or elderly shut-ins and all those in the hospital.

The Rite of Christian Initiation

The program for adults (RCIA) is open to non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacraments. This process is offered on an ongoing basis.

Parish News



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week
were donated by
Shirley Shaughnessy
in memory of Jack Shaughnessy

BUILT BY GOD, MADE FOR A PURPOSE: Vacation Bible School will be held Jul. 9 - 13, 2017. Adult and Youth volunteers are needed. Please contact Julie Jones in the Parish Life Office, 806-358-2461, Ext. 123, for details.

PADRE'S SALSA returns for the 4th of July festivities! We are adding a limited supply of a milder version, "ALMOST MONSIGNOR'S SALSA", for those who can't take the heat of the original. See bulletin insert for details

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At this time, an Adorer is needed for Wed., 2:00 a.m./Fri., 1:00 a.m./and Sat., 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS: Please consider doing something special for Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join Our Lady's Rosary Makers of St. Thomas Church. We make Mission Rosaries for those who or request them. There is a one time fee of \$5 for adults. Children who want to learn how to make rosaries don't need to pay a fee but must be accompanied by an adult. We will be meeting on Jun. 20, 27; Jul. 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 8 & 15. You don't have to attend all of the sessions. We'll have a light refreshment to finish off each session. We'll also have water or you are welcome to bring your own drink. Please email sisneros@att.net or call 681-3185 if you have questions.

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 Church. Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

GIFT BEARERS are needed at all Masses. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the book in the Bell Tower.

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
June 11, 2017	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 19,233.52	(\$ 7,597.48)
Month-to-Date	\$ 53,662.00	\$ 52,016.53	(\$ 1,645.47)

*"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
1 CORINTHIANS 10:17*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Clea Bustos, Steve Chontos, Elizabeth Stone, Terry Moenter, Carmen Oviedo, Lynn Gerken, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Esther York, Shanna O'Gorman, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Mark Ortega, Bill Hughes, Jeannette Kaminski, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Frank Galitski, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Madeline Arrott, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Betty Cutting, Judy Allen, Roy Steele, Jordan Barrientez, Gilbert Ybarra, Jo Rogowski, Paul & Catherine Kiefer, Ellis Glueck, Doug Tyler, Nancy Kulman Family, Greg Shoemaker

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, Justin Spencer

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. If you would be interested in joining this worthwhile ministry or if you have a prayer chain request, please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.



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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have elected to make your contributions to St. Thomas by using the on-line payment option, please contact the Parish Office, 358-2461, and request that your monthly envelopes be stopped. Thank you.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We would like to welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Thomas Parish and interested in becoming a registered member, please find registration forms on the credenza next to the bell tower, come by the parish office or visit our website, at www.stthomasamarillo.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. THOMAS: St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo, Texas is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12th grades. 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.

Youth Schedule and Events

Young Adults will be meeting this Tues., Jun. 20. We will be doing a color run type activity. Please wear clothes you can get dirty! Starts at 7:00 p.m., in The Dwelling.

Theology on Tap is this Thurs., Jun. 22, starting at 7:00 p.m., at IDK Bar and Grill. All Young Adults welcome.

High School STAY. Summer STAY will be meeting this Wed., Jun. 21, in The Dwelling at 7:00 p.m. Wear clothes you can get dirty!

Steubenville (High School Summer Trip) – If you are going on the summer trip in Jul., please turn in your payment & release forms to Caleb ASAP.

Please contact Caleb Hubbard at chubbard@stthomasamarillo.org or by phone at 358-2461, Ext. 121, if you have any questions.

Holy Cross Corner



Did you know...

Holy Cross Catholic Academy had a total of 66 athletic letters handed out to the high school students – 27 repeating and 39 new for the 2016-2017 school year. Ninety percent of all students at Holy Cross participate in the athletic department.

Go Mustangs!

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grand-fathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

~Catholic Prayers

Happy
Father's
Day!

Around the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DIOCESE OF AMARILLO:

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for an **Information Technology Manager**: The IT Manager should possess strong problem-solving, analytical and communication skills, in addition to in-depth technical knowledge of the Diocese's systems hardware and software. Must be familiar with Windows server 2012R2 and 2016 running on Dell servers. Should be very familiar with Microsoft Exchange Server specifically version 2013. Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field is strongly preferred but not absolutely required. At least three to five years of comparable experience working with the above specific types of hardware and software systems are required. Professional certifications such as the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) or similar certification would be viewed as a plus. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Larry Gray at lgray@dioama.org. Diocese is also seeking a The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for a **Facilities Management/Loss Prevention position**. For a complete job description and qualifications, please go to www.amarillodiocese.org/finance. Please send inquiries/resumes to pwhitson@dioama.org.

DIOCESE OF AMARILLO FAMILY LIFE OFFICE is in need of Part-Time receptionist/assistant who is proficient in Microsoft Office with some experience in social media. Strong clerical and organizational skills. Ability to multi-task. Physical ability capable of some light lifting (15lbs). Send inquiries or resume to sfrausto@dioama.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

Physical Education Teacher: St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Physical Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 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. **Extended Day Supervisor:**

St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Extended Day Supervisor for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a creative, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with children. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

Minimum Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood, or Early Childhood Development Certificate, or Childcare Provider Certificate, and experience working in a childcare setting.

4th Grade Elementary Teacher:

St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Full-Time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate teacher who is creative, innovative, and faith-filled committed to teaching in a Catholic School and willing to collaborate with colleagues and develop positive relations with students and parents. All teachers take part in some non-teaching duties. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree, valid state certification or the equivalent, as specified by the Texas Conference Education Department and the Diocese of Amarillo. Non-Catholic teachers are required to have knowledge of the Catholic faith and support Catholic tradition in education. Interested persons may pick up an application at the school and email the following documents Letter, Resume, and References to Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com, or mail to 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo, TX 79102.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF

PastorRev. John Valdez
 DeaconBlaine Westlake
 DeaconPhillip Whitson
 Retired DeaconJim Brown
 Retired DeaconTerry Pevehouse
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner
 Assistant Music Dir.Nicole Koetting
 Youth DirectorCaleb Hubbard
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker
 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
 Liturgical EnvironmentalistJulie Pierce

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 18:
 Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday, June 19:
 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday, June 20:
 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday, June 21:
 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, June 22
 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Friday, June 23
 Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday, June 24:
 Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Sunday, June 25:
 Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	6/19		NO MASS
Tuesday	6/20	6:00 PM	+Theresa Rider Rider Family
Wednesday	6/21	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Bart Britten Family Teresa Clare Spor
Thursday	6/22	7:00 AM	+Oskar Schwertner Schwertner Family
Friday	6/23	7:00 AM	+Kay Kaltefleiter Pat Stich
Saturday	6/24	5:00 PM	+Cristobal Perez Rodriguez Family
Sunday	6/25	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+Becky Teeter Shirley Kuriyama
		11:15 AM	+Tony Sisneros Rudy & Vickey Velez

Religious Education News

RE News

*Get pre-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year! Please turn in your blue form and fee any time this summer! Blank forms will be available outside the RE office on the bulletin board.

***Seeking catechists for the 2017-2018 school year! Check the bulletin and the website for details on where we need help.**

*Contact Debi, RE secretary, 358-461, Ext. 107, for more info!

RCIA News

+Interested in Catholicism and possibly joining the Church next Easter? Start your journey in our Inquiry class! Here are the summer class offerings in the library from 10:05-11:05 a.m.:
Jun. 25, Jul. 9, Jul. 23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27

+Contact Dayamin Winchester at dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org or 806-358-2461 for more info on RCIA this summer!

Adult Faith Formation

AT THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

What are the gifts you've receive through God's grace? What are some ways that you use them in service of others?

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

CLASS FACILITATOR

CLASS SUBSTITUTE

For more information, contact
Dayamin Winchester
dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org
806-358-2461, ext 123

Week at a Glance

MONDAY, JUNE 19

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

2:00 p.m. - Summer Rosary Makers - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Summer Young Adults - The Dwelling

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library

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

10:00 a.m.- Marianist Group - Marian Room

5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room

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

7:00 p.m. - Summer STAY - The Dwelling/Gym

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:05 a.m. - RCIA Inquiry Class - Library

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

O Lord, You have given us this Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. You have given them bread from Heaven. Having all sweetness within. Let us pray. God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

-Catholic Culture.org

