

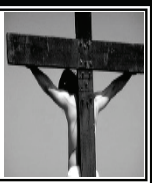
Parish News

LENT 2016 RECONCILIATION: Reconciliation services will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on the following days: Tues., Feb. 23, Wed., Feb. 24, and Tues., Mar. 15. All services will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRI., FEB. 26,

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH



ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD invites you to the *Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles*, Fri., Mar. 4, 9:00 a.m.– 8:30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 5, 1:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Mar. 6, 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., in the Msgr. Tash Hall. The exhibition has visited over 500 parishes alone in Italy and other countries. By means of photographic laminated panels, this self-guided exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles, which have taken place throughout the ages in various countries of the world, and have been recognized by the Church. The exhibit is **free** (donations kindly accepted). A limited number of books will be available for purchase. **If you have questions, please call 681-9344 or 367-9920 or visit www.stthomasamarillo.org.**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours that need to be filled are Sun., 12:00 a.m., & 4:00 p.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.**

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.**

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Feb. 14, 2016	NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO PUBLICATION DATE		

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

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, 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, and Aggie Padilla.

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.**

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

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!!! The Easter Basket ornaments will be in the Bell Tower next weekend, February 27th and 28th. As in the past, you can choose an ornament, fill your basket and return it to the Bell Tower NO Later than, Sunday, March 20th. Please be sure to include one religious item in the basket. Also, **MAKE SURE TO ATTACH THE ORNAMENT OR PLACE IT IN THE BASKET WHERE IT IS VISIBLE**, so that we will know to which agency it should be delivered. Please note that we will be unable to deliver any baskets that are brought in after Sunday, March 20.

Youth Schedule and Events

Hey guys! High school **STAY will be this Wed., Feb. 24**, 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 **Stations of the Cross each Fri. 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 flyer in the bulletin for important announcements regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday, West Texas Catholic and Scholarship information. Inside are important dates and deadlines to keep in mind!****

Our next **Middle school STAY will be next Sun., Feb. 28**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Dwelling. Hope to 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

Fish Fry tickets for the Feb. 26 Fish Fry will be sold after all Masses this weekend!

Sun. - Feb. 21:
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., Feb. 24:
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir

Fri., Feb. 26: Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00-8:00 p.m. - Gym

Sun., Feb. 21:
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., Feb. 26, 2016

Polk Street Methodist Church, Michael Raillard, 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



Holy Cross Catholic Academy students won a sweepstakes trophy at the Tascosa High School portion of the swing tournament!

Awards included:

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Jose Villafuerte -- 1st place

U.S. Extemporaneous Speech - Ben Fullerton -- 1st place
Nicholas Aranda -- 2nd place
Extemporaneous Commentary - Ben Fullerton -- 1st place
Nicholas Aranda --2nd place
Impromptu Speaking - Ben Fullerton -- 2nd place
William Pena -- semifinalist
Original Oratory - Dan Nyugen -- 6th place
Congressional Debate - Anthony Innocenti -- finalist
Poetry Interpretation - Ben Fullerton -- semifinalist

At the Randall High School portion of the tournament the awards included:

Lincoln Douglas Debate - Jose Villafuerte, Ben Fullerton -- finalists
(Jose won top speaker award with perfect speaker points)
Public Forum Debate - Nicholas Aranda, William Pena -- 2nd place
Impromptu Speaking - Dan Nyugen -- semifinalist
Jose Villafuerte -- top speaker award with perfect speaker points

Way to 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.

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 PO Box 5644 Amarillo, TX 79117.**

PRAY FOR THE ENGAGED – "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these **put on love**, that is, the bond of perfection." Col. 3:12-14
www.amarillodiocese.org/life.

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 21:
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday, February 22:
 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday, February 23:
 Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, February 24:
 Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, February 25:
 Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday, February 26:
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, February 27:
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday, February 28:
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	2/22	NO MASS	
Tuesday	2/23	7:00 AM	+Becky Teeter Shirley Kuriyama
Wednesday	2/24	7:00 AM	+Michelle Baker Her Family
	2/25	7:00 AM	+Billy Burkett Brazell Pat Stich
Friday	2/26	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Trevor McMillian His Family
Saturday	2/27	5:00 PM	+Agnes O'Shea Louis & Pauline Baumhardt
		7:30 AM	+Jeanette Heinrich Louis & Pauline Baumhardt
Sunday	2/28	9:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Jan McCoy Ray & Marion Prien
		11:15 AM	Members of Parish 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

LENTEN LONGINGS

Seeing with God's Eyes



Lent invites us to a time of

Prayer, Reflection, and Conversion

Join us for Lenten Reflections on the **SUNDAY READINGS OF LENT**. These reflections invite us to "let ourselves be..." so that together and alone we may be moved during this holy season by the Loving Presence who longs for us more than we long for life itself.

Join us on Fridays at 10:00 a.m., in the **Marian Room**.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For more information contact Dayamin Winchester at dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org or 358-2461

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 22

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet - Msgr. Tash Hall

Tuesday, February 23

10:00 a.m. - AFF Class IV - "Unlocking the Bible" - Marian Room
2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room
6:00 p.m. - Diocesan Reconciliation Service #2 - St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym
7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Msgr. Tash Hall

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library
9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor
11:00 a.m. - Lunch Bunch - The Dwelling
3:00 p.m. - Marianist Group - Library
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Diocesan Reconciliation Service #3 - St. Mary's
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor
6:30 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE - 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, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

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, February 27

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall
7:00 a.m. - Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast - Gym
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

Sunday, February 28

9:00 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library
9:00 a.m. - Youth Lenten Music Mass #3 - Church
10:05 a.m. - AFF Class I - "1 Corinthians" - Msgr. Tash Hall
10:05 a.m. - AFF Class II - "Symbolon" - Marian Room
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.)

