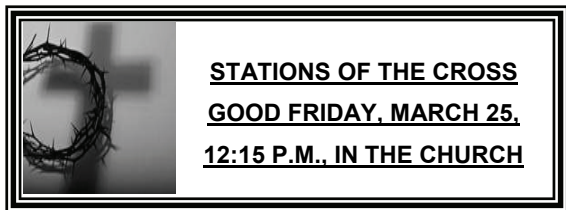
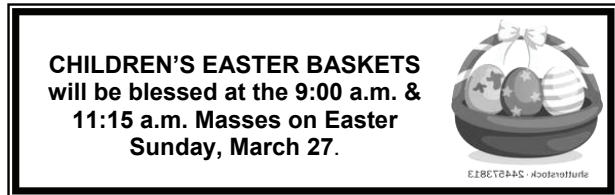


Parish News



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25,
12:15 P.M., IN THE CHURCH

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.



CHILDREN'S EASTER BASKETS
will be blessed at the 9:00 a.m. &
11:15 a.m. Masses on Easter
Sunday, March 27.



SAVE THE DATE: April 3, 2015, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join the Divine Mercy Cenacle of St. Thomas, **10:45 a.m.**, to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church between Masses. Our group will be handing out prayer cards with the image of Divine Mercy on the front and the Chaplet on the back from 9:30-10:44 a.m., while they last. Our Lord told Saint Faustina that on the first Sunday after Easter, the very depths of His tender mercy are open! His desire is that it be solemnly celebrated. Please bring your rosary to pray the Chaplet.

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for the **Spring Parish Potluck which will be held on Sun., Apr. 3, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gym.** Join us for fun, fellowship and great food. We will also be recognizing Eileen Dolan for her many years of dedication and service to our Religious Education Department. Hope to see all of you there.

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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours that need to be filled are **Sun., 12:00 a.m., and Fri., 1:00 a.m.** The code for the Adoration Chapel will be changing **Easter Sunday, Mar. 27, 2016.** Pick up "Confidentiality" form in the Chapel.

PALM BRANCHES: If you would like your old Palm Sunday branches destroyed, please feel free to bring them to the Church and we will destroy them for you. You are welcome to leave them at the office or in the bell tower.

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>March 13, 2016</u>	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 24,125.00	(\$ 2,706.00)
<u>Month-to-Date</u>	\$ 53,662.00	\$ 49,267.72	(\$ 4,394.28)

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

~1 Chronicles 29:14

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.

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.**

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.**

Social Concerns

"For a 'good Easter,' Christians must do more than simply recall the passion of Jesus during Holy Week; they must enter into the mystery of the Easter Triduum and make Jesus' feelings and attitudes their own."

Pope Francis
 Holy Week, 2015

Thank you to all who are participating in the Easter Basket project. Please remember that this weekend is the deadline for returning your baskets to the Bell Tower. 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. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Youth Schedule and Events

Hey guys! There will NOT be High School STAY this week due to Spring Break. Everyone have a fun and safe break and we'll see y'all next week!

St. Thomas Seniors: Please check the St. Thomas website at stthomasamarillo.org for important info regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday and Scholarship information. On it are important dates and deadlines to keep in mind!

Our next Middle school STAY will be TONIGHT 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



Sun., Mar. 20: no youth choir rehearsals, Spring Break

Wed., Mar. 23:

6:30-7:00 p.m. - KIDS and Youth Choir – Easter rehearsal in Church

7:00-7:15p.m. - Disciples and Saints – Holy Thursday rehearsal in Sanctuary

7:15-7:30 p.m. - Saints – Easter rehearsal in Sanctuary

7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir, Adult Handbell Choir and Youth Orchestra Easter Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thurs., Mar. 24:

6:15 p.m. - Disciples & Saints Children's Choirs warm-up for 7:00 p.m., Mass

Fri., Mar. 25: - Good Friday

Sat., Mar. 26: - Easter Vigil

Sun., Mar. 27:

8:00 a.m. - Youth Choir Warm-up for 9:00 a.m. Mass

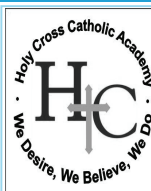
8:15 a.m. - KIDS Choir Warm-up for 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

- No afternoon Youth Music group rehearsals

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.**

Holy Cross Corner



The Holy Cross Catholic Academy Speech & Debate team competed in the National Speech & Debate Association district competition February 18-20. The following students qualified for the national competition which will be held in June in Salt Lake City, UT.

Seniors:

Jose Villafuerte - Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Ben Fullerton - Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Junior:

Nicholas Aranda - Congressional Debate

Freshman:

Anthony Innocenti - Informative Speaking

Congratulations!!

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.

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

FOR TWO - "BELOVED" SERIES - What if Marriage is more than a simple contract between two people, based on romance, mutual fulfillment and basic attraction? What if, created into the very design of humanity, God has placed a purposeful desire to unite a man and a woman into something mysterious, holy and eternal? "*For Two shall become One*" presents BELOVED, a six-week series on couple strengthening. Session will begin on **Sun., Apr. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. You do not have to be married, you can be discerning, you do not have to be Catholic and there is Child Care available, so make it a DATE NIGHT! **For more information, please call 806-383-2243.**

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:** richard@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, March 20:
 Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56
Monday, March 21:
 Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 22:
 Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, March 23:
 Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, March 24:
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday, March 25:
 Is 52:13—43:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday, March 26:
 Gn 1:1—2:2/Gn 22:1-8/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 43:5-14/Is 55:1-11/
 Bar 3:9- 15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Sunday, March 27:
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	3/21	NO MASS	
Tuesday	3/22	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Kit & Barbie Braden Bunnie Brooks
Wednesday	3/23	7:00 AM	+Alphonse & Leona Albracht Jane Roberts & Family
Thursday	3/24	7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday	3/25	7:00 PM	VENERATION OF THE CROSS AND HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday	3/26	8:30 PM	+Donna Robertson Tom & Courtney Hudson
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	3/27	9:00 AM	+Leo Freeby Cathy Freeby
		11:15 AM	+Lutherine Wright Don & Alby Peters

Religious Education News

MARCH CALENDAR: Mar. 20 - No RE - Spring Break
Mar. 27 - No RE - Easter

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 than Sunday, April 3rd. In addition, second graders should have their 4 X 4 fabric swatches turned in by that date. 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 goes on the right class square.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: THE TRIDUUM

This week we celebrate the most holy and sacred time of the Catholic Christian year. The Triduum lasts for three days during Holy Week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Although the Triduum is comprised of three different liturgies, Holy Thursday, the Good Friday Service and the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter), it is one continuous liturgical celebration, one liturgy. During this Holy Week, as you and your family attend these liturgies, take note of the meaning of each of these celebrations. On Easter Sunday, sit with your family and answer the following questions: 1. On what day of the Triduum, does the washing of the feet take place? 2. There are no baptism during Lent. So at what Triduum service might you see a baptism? 3. On what day is the cross venerated. 4. On what day do we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist? 5. In which liturgy does the priest not consecrate bread and wine?

Adult Faith Formation

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!

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Week at a Glance

Monday, March 21

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Gym
7:00 p.m. - Evening Altar Guild - Msgr. Tash Hall

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. - Chrism Mass - St. Mary's Cathedral
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

Wednesday, March 23

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

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
6:30 p.m. - All music Rehearsal - 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 24

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

HOLY THURSDAY - PARISH OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel
5:30 p.m. - Liturgical Rehearsal/Meal - Church/Parlor
7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday Mass - Church
7:00 p.m. - Children's Choir Sings - Church

Friday, March 25

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY - PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

12:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
1:00 p.m. - Liturgical Rehearsal - Church
7:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Saturday, March 26

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

10:30 p.m. - Liturgical/RCIA Rehearsal - Church
11:30 a.m. - RCIA Luncheon - Msgr. Tash Hall
8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass - Church

Sunday, March 27

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

9:00 a.m. - Youth/Children Choir Sings - Church

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 a.m.)

