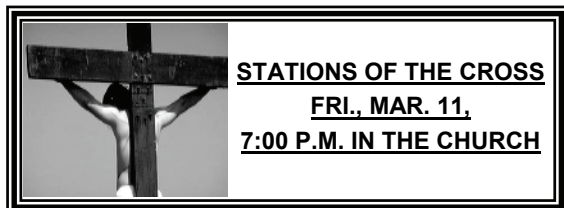


Parish News

ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB will meet **Mon. evening, Mar. 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Msgr. Tash Hall.** A meal will be served after a brief membership meeting. All men of the parish are invited to attend and participate in fellowship and service to the parish.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST will be held on **Sun., Mar. 13, 2016.** 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.

LENT 2016 RECONCILIATION: The final reconciliation service for the Lenten Season will be held at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Tues., Mar. 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

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.

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.

STA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: If you know someone in need of prayers, please let the Prayer Shawl Ministry reach out to you with a Prayer Shawl. **You can pick up a shawl at the Religious Education Office Mon.-Thurs. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Monetary or yarn donations (three skeins of Lyon Brand Homespun) will be greatly appreciated. : The **Prayer Shawl group meets each Wed. evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** The group also prays the rosary at their weekly meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals have been elected to serve on the St. Thomas Pastoral Council for 2016: **Sharon Wilhelm, Clay Britten & David Saied.**

Thanks for the other candidates who agreed to run. Also, we would like to thank **Sandy Riney, Ryan Huseman & Charlie Hennessey** for their past service.

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Feb. 28, 2016</u>	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 25,046.48	(\$1,784.52)
<u>Month-to-Date</u>	\$107,324.00	\$105,640.47	(\$1,683.53)

*"When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you."
~Anonymous*

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.

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person
Call to Family, Community & Participation
Rights & Responsibilities of the Human Person
Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable
Solidarity
Care for God's Creation

HOP TO IT!!! The Easter Basket ornaments are in the Bell Tower. As in the past, you can choose an ornament, fill your basket and return it to the Bell Tower NO Later than, Sun., Mar. 20. 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 Sun., Mar. 20.**

Youth Schedule and Events

Hey guys! **High school STAY will be meeting this Wed., Mar. 9**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in The Dwelling. Hope to see you there!! Friends and new faces are always welcome!

This Fri., Mar. 11, we'll be going to **St. Joseph's** for a Night of Worship with the Disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ (the Prayer Town Sisters). It'll be an awesome night of praise and worship before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We'll meet at St. Thomas at 6:30 p.m., and head on over!

St. Thomas Seniors: Please check the St. Thomas website at stthomasamarillo.org for important info regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday, West Texas Catholic and Scholarship information. On it are important dates and deadlines to keep in mind! **If you want to be recognized in the graduation edition of the West Texas Catholic (we want you to be!) please email me your name and school you'll be graduating from at nagel.gregory@gmail.com. The deadline is March 9!**

Our next **Middle school STAY will be next Sun., Mar. 13**, 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



Thank you for your support for both of our Lenten Fish Fries this year! Thanks especially to the KC's for their help & service. We greatly appreciate it!

- Sun. - Mar. 6:
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
6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Musical tryouts-solos & readings
- Wed., Mar. 9:
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir
- Sun., Mar. 13:
No youth music rehearsals - Spring Break

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours that need to be filled are **Sun., 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.**

Holy Cross Corner



Holy Cross Catholic Academy would like to recognize senior basketball players:
Mariah Escoto
Patrick Nguyen
Taun Cao
Kamri Johnson – manager

Congratulations for a great season!

GO MUSTANGS!

Around the Diocese

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, Ext. 129.**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES thanks everyone who supported these ministries at our annual banquet; did you know this is our one and only fundraiser for these ministries? – **If you were unable to come out, please prayerfully consider a financial gift, no gift is too small.** www.amarillodiocese.org

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@diaoma.org or mail to Office of Stewardship, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117.**

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL "BACH'S" LUNCH SERIES

The next recital is as follows:

Fri., Mar. 11, 2016

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Margaret Lacy, 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.

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 6:
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday, March 7:
 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 8:
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 9:
 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 10:
 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 11:
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 12:
 Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 13:
 Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	3/7	NO MASS	
Tuesday	3/8	7:00 AM	+Msgr. Richard Vaughn Pat Stich
Wednesday	3/9	7:00 AM	+Sue Lin Gerald Lis
Thursday	3/10	7:00 AM	+Art & Loretta Kleman Kleman Family
Friday	3/11	7:00 AM	+Art Foster Mary Sweeney
Saturday	3/12	5:00 PM	Spec. int. of Cindy Schilmoeller Carol Sharber
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	3/13	9:00 AM	+Rosemary Brown Her Family
		11:15 AM	+Norma Kratochvil Shirley Mager

Religious Education News

March Calendar

Sun. Mar. 6 - RCIC Parent Meeting 10:10-Rm B-1
Sun. Mar. 13 - NO RE - SPRING BREAK
Sun. Mar. 20 - NO RE - SPRING BREAK
Sun. Mar. 27 - NO RE - EASTER

FAMILY ACTIVITY: HAPPINESS

We all want to be happy. Sometimes the "things" we acquire seemingly bring us happiness. But, do they bring us long term happiness? Jesus, however, has given us a recipe for everlasting happiness in the form of the Beatitudes. In fact, beatitude means "supreme happiness." The Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, respond to our natural desire for happiness. That desire comes from God. It is placed in our hearts to draw us closer to Him. When you read the Beatitudes you might wonder what they have to do with being happy. Over the next few weeks, we will examine each of the Beatitudes and explore how we can "live" them.

Let's start today, by making someone happy through our smiles, laughter, hugs or by assisting someone who needs our help (for instance, mom with the dishes, feeding the dog, taking out the trash, etc.)

Adult Faith Formation

"An Interview with the Musician"

A Spiritual Journey

With Jim Gardner and Jay Ricci

Watch it on Demand. Go to the website: stthomasamarillo.org, click on Sunday Mass Live, and select "An Interview with the Musician."

LENTEN LONGINGS

Join us for Lenten Reflections on the
SUNDAY READINGS OF LENT.

Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
In the Marian Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

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. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym
7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Msgr. Tash Hall

Wednesday, March 9

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. - NO CONFESSIONS
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 Lenten Choir Practice - 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 10

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Court of Honor - Msgr. Tash Hall
6:30 p.m. - NFP Class - Marian Room

Friday, March 11

10:00 a.m. - Lenten Longings (AFF) -Marian Room
5:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Lenten Meal - Gym
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 12

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall
3:15 p.m. - Why Catholic Group - Library
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

Sunday, March 13

7:30 a.m. - KC Breakfast - Gym
9:00 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library
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
4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit - Msgr. Tash Hall

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.)

