

Parish News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST: Don't forget the pancake breakfast **TODAY, Sun., Feb. 14, 2016.** The KC's 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.**

ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD: The **Evening Altar Guild** will meet on **Mon., Feb. 15, at 7:00 p.m.,** in the Msgr. Tash Hall. Traci Rogers, the Amarillo Director of No Boundaries International, will speak to us about the problem of human trafficking. She will be seeking to raise awareness of this problem as well as sharing ways in which the organization attempts to provide outreach services to victims and their families. Please join us for fellowship, information and snacks.

LENT 2016 RECONCILIATION

Tues., Feb. 16 St. Ann's, Canyon 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 23 St. Mary's Cathedral 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb 24 St. Mary's Cathedral 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 15 St. Mary's Cathedral 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.**

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Feb. 7, 2016</u>	\$ 26,831.00	\$26,198.00	(\$ 633.00)

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

~Act 2:44-45

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.**

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

"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard; the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."

Pope Francis
Apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* 2, November 24, 2013

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.

Youth Schedule and Events

Hey guys! **High school STAY** will be back to our usual STAY night this **Wed., Feb. 17, from about 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in The Dwelling. Hope to see you there!! Friends and new faces are always welcome!

Our next **Middle school STAY** will be **TONIGHT, Sun., Feb. 14**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in The Dwelling. Hope to see you there!
Our next F.A.S.T. of 2016 will be Sun., Feb., 28!

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. 14:

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. 17:

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir

Sun., Feb. 21:

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

Parish News

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.**

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION totaled **\$1,856.54**. Again, this money will benefit our charitable fund which helps the needy in our community. Thank you so much for your generosity.

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL "BACH'S" LUNCH SERIES

The next recital is as follows:

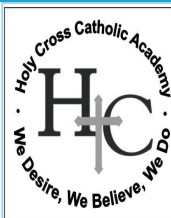
Fri., Feb. 19, 2016

First Baptist Church, Ella Jane Tracy, 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 had inductions into National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society on February 4th. The following students were recognized for their accomplishments:

National Junior Honor Society

Deng Atak
Luke Rickwartz
Abigail Barnet
Andres Wilhelm
Raygan Lopez

National Honor Society

Nicholas Aranda
Teagan Rangel
Ridley Crowley
Abby Rickwartz
Jacob Davila
Mark Lopez
Gabriel Moreno
Anna Phillips

The members and new inductees represent the NJHS and NHS principles of scholarship, leadership, character, service and citizenship.

Congratulations Mustangs!

Around the Diocese

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breast-feeding (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 email. Completion certificate. The cost is \$70.00. We are listed at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>.

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.**

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 14:
 Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday, February 15:
 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 16:
 Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 17:
 Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, February 18:
 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday, February 19:
 Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, February 20:
 Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, February 21:
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	2/15	NO MASS	
Tuesday	2/16	7:00 AM	+Hector Alvarez Louis & Pauline Baumhardt
Wednesday	2/17	7:00 AM	+Dave Roberts Jane & Family
	2/18	7:00 AM	+Norma & Sue Rohweder Mary Sweeney
Friday	2/19	7:00 AM	+William Morrisey Wilma Morrisey
Saturday	2/20	5:00 PM	+Dora & Philip Pohlmeier Gary & Teresa Rider
		7:30 AM	Members of the Parish Family
Sunday	2/21	9:00 AM	+Bob Burks Lloyd & Della Venhaus
		11:15 AM	+Hector Castillo Canales Family

Religious Education News

February Calendar

Sun. Feb 28th RCIC Parent Mtg. 10:10 Rm. B 1

ATTENTION ADULTS WHO HAVE NOT CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: If you are an adult who has not been confirmed and would like to celebrate this sacrament, the Diocese of Amarillo is offering you the opportunity. Preparation for Adult Confirmation will be done at St. Thomas, followed by a required diocesan retreat for Confirmandi and Sponsor at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Following the retreat, Confirmandi will be confirmed by Bishop Zurek, at a 4:00 PM Liturgy, also at the Cathedral. For more information, please call Eileen in the Parish Office, 358-2461.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Valentine's Day

An ancient, mysterious legend explains the origins of Valentine's Day. Two Saint Valentines, both third century--one a bishop, the other a priest--sent letters of encouragement to people who were dreading persecution. Today we send Valentines decorated with flowers, hearts and the color red, which symbolizes the blood of martyrs to those we love. This Valentine's day it would be nice to retrieve the original meaning. To do that, you can make some handmade cards for people who might not receive them: residents of nursing homes, retirement center or children on the pediatric floor in the local hospitals. Members of the armed forces would also like to receive cards. The people to whom you send cards, might receive them after the day has passed, but they will be meaningful to them regardless.

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 15

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY

7:00 p.m. - AFF Meeting - Church

7:00 p.m. - Evening Altar Guild Meeting - Msgr. Tash Hall

Tuesday, February 16

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 #1 - St. Ann's, Canyon

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Msgr. Tash Hall

Wednesday, February 17

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. - 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 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 18

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

7:00 p.m. -Theology on Tap - IDK Bar

Friday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - Lenten Longings (AFF) -Marian Room

5:00 p.m. - KC's Lenten Meal - Gym

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

8:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Lock-In - Gym

Saturday, February 20

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall

2:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor - Msgr. Tash Hall

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

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

Sunday, February 21

9:00 a.m. - Breaking Open the Word - Library

9:00 a.m. - Youth Lenten Music Mass #1 - 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

6:00 p.m. - An Interview with the Music Man - Church/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.)

