

Parish News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST will be held TODAY, 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRI., MAR. 17,
7:00 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: 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., Thurs., 10:00 a.m., and Fri., 1:00 a.m. The Adoration Door Code will be changing Easter Sunday, Mar. 27, 2016. Pick up "Confidentiality" form in the Chapel.

A big "Thank You" to Hoffbrau Steakhouse for donating 100 baked potatoes on Ash Wednesday for our lunch bunch program. We appreciate your support, and so do the many students who we serve! /s/ Annette Mitchell

Our Stewardship

	Budget	Actual	Variance
March 6, 2016	\$ 26,831.00	\$25,142.72	(\$1,688.28)

"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers; all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."

~James 1:16-17

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

"The culture of peace wears the clothes of justice."
Columban Mission Education

HOP TO IT!!! There are still Easter Basket ornaments in the Bell Tower. If you haven't already selected an ornament, please consider taking one. You will be helping to make the glorious celebration of Easter special for those who have so little. 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! 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!

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 are due by April 15.**



Music Notes



Sun. - Mar. 13:
No Youth Music Rehearsals - Spring Break
Wed., Mar. 16:
No Children Choir Rehearsals - Spring Break
Possible Adult Choir Rehearsal - watch for Flocknote
Sun., Mar. 20:
8:00 a.m. warm-up for 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass - Youth & Adult Choirs

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL "BACH'S" LUNCH SERIES

The FINAL recital is as follows:

Fri., Mar. 18, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church, Michael Johnson, 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



Middle School students competed and represented **Holy Cross Catholic Academy** in PSIA competition on Saturday, February 20th at Christ the King Cathedral School in Lubbock.

The following students have qualified for state competition;

Pierce Seidenberger -- 1st place in Modern Oratory, Vocabulary and
2nd place in Number Sense
Abigail Barnett -- 2nd place in Music Memory
Rhett Ramirez -- 1st place in Science

These students also placed in their competitions;

John Reeves -- 2nd in Modern Oratory, 3rd in Number Sense, 5th in Maps, Graphs & Charts, 6th in Science
Aaron Vincent -- 3rd in Music Memory, 4th in Number Sense
Selena Luna -- 4th in Ready Writing
Jordan Walters -- 6th in Mathematics
Ezekiel Aranda -- 4th in Music Memory, 6th in Science
Andrew Wilhelm -- 6th in Number Sense
Sadie Chitwood -- 4th in Mathematics
Nasayha Estrada -- 4th in Poetry Interpretation

**Congratulations to all the students who competed!
Go Mustangs!**

Around the Diocese

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

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.**

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 13:
 Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday, March 14:
 En 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday, March 15:
 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 16:
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, March 17:
 Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday, March 18:
 Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, March 19:
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sunday, March 20:
 Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	3/14	NO MASS	
Tuesday	3/15	7:00 AM	+Ella Mae Sweeney Dick & Pat Wilcox
Wednesday	3/16	7:00 AM	+Pearl Acker Jan McCoy
Thursday	3/17	7:00 AM	+Linda Kelly Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday	3/18	7:00 AM	+Yolanda Salazar Paul & Jenny Harpole
Saturday	3/19	5:00 PM	+Tom Stich Pat Stich
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	3/20	9:00 AM	+Leo Freeby Cathy Freeby
		11:15 AM	+Jerry Quinto His Family

Religious Education News

MARCH CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 13 NO RE SPRING BREAK
Sun. Mar. 20 NO RE SPRING BREAK
Sun. 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 is goes on the right class square.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: POOR IN SPIRIT

In the Torah, the Jewish Bible, the poor are described by their Hebrew name, anawim (ah-na-weem.) These were people without material possessions who nevertheless kept a positive attitude, realized their helplessness and sought God for all their needs, both material and spiritual. Most importantly, they trusted that God would take care of their needs. For your activity this week, write a letter to God thanking Him for your material and spiritual gifts. Let him know how much He means to you and that you understand that everything you have comes from Him.

Adult Faith Formation

STRAIGHT LINES

"God writes straight with crooked lines," the saying goes. The power of Paul's testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. "Can't you see it?" we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can't beat this kind of good news.

**I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.
— *Philippians 3:8***

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Week at a Glance

Monday, March 14

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Den Meeting - Education Wing

Tuesday, March 15

2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room
6:00 p.m. - Diocesan Reconciliation Service - St. Mary's Cathedral
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym
7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Msgr. Tash Hall

Wednesday, March 16

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library
9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor
3:30 p.m. - Marianist Group - Library
5:30 p.m. - NO CONFESSIONS
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

Thursday, March 17

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Focolare Movement - Marian Room
7:00 p.m. - Theology on Tap - IDK Bar

Friday, March 18

10:00 a.m. - Lenten Longings (AFF) -Marian Room
5:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club Lenten Meal - Gym
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 19

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 20

9:00 a.m. - Youth/Children Choir Sings - Church
12:30 p.m. - Finance 101 - Marian Room
12:30 p.m. - Depression Support Group - Bride's Room

**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.)**

