

## Parish News

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4621 BREAKFAST TODAY, Sun., Apr. 10.** 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.

**ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD** will be meeting on **Mon., Apr. 18, at 7:00 pm in the Msgr. Tash Hall.** The program will be conducted by the Sisters of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. The sisters will tell us about their lives in the Panhandle of Texas. Please come enjoy the food and fellowship. You do not have to be a member to participate. Memberships are always available.

**ALL COUPLES IN THE PARISH WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 50 OR MORE YEARS, INCLUDING THOSE COUPLES WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR,** will be recognized at the **11:15 Mass on Sun., May 15.** In addition, a sit-down luncheon with reserved seating will be held in your honor in the Msgr. Tash Hall immediately following the Mass. Please call the parish office, **358-2461, by Mon., May 2, if you will be able to attend.**

**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.

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

**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](mailto:sisneros@att.net).

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At this time, the hours needing to be filled are **Sun., 12:00 a.m., and Fri., 1:00 a.m.** Thank you to all regular and substitute Adorers who have signed up. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

**BAPTISM CLASS:** If you are new parents and/or sponsors, you are required to attend a Baptism class before the reception of the sacrament. Please call the parish office, 358-2461 to register for the next scheduled class.

**THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** have been remitted to the Diocese: Holy Thursday, \$4,115, Catholic Relief Services, \$8,852 & Rice Bowl Collection, \$2,172.23.

## Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
April 3, 2016	\$26,831.00	\$26,236.00	(\$ 595.00)

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."*

~Matthew 23:23

## 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, Aggie Padilla, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Charlie Hennessey & Madeline Arrott.

**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

In his encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, Pope John XXIII observed three "signs of the times" that bode well for the future of peace:

1. **The Rights of Workers:** "workers all over the world refuse to be treated as if they were irrational objects without freedom."
2. **The Dignity of Women:** "women . . . demand rights befitting a human person both in domestic and political life."
3. **Independent Nations:** "there will soon no longer exist a world divided into nations that rule others and nations that are subject to others." (40-42).....

## Youth Schedule and Events

We'll be having **High School STAY** this **Wed., Apr. 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in **The Dwelling** as we wrap up our series over the Corporal Works of Mercy! Hope to see you there!

**\*\*St. Thomas Seniors:** Please check the St. Thomas website at [stthomasamarillo.org](http://stthomasamarillo.org) for important info regarding St. Thomas Senior Sunday and Scholarship information. **Men's Club Scholarships are due in the Youth Office THIS FRIDAY, Apr. 15!!\*\***

Our next **Middle School STAY** will be **tonight Sun., Apr. 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, in **The Dwelling**. Hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome!

**Our last F.A.S.T. of the year will be Sun., Apr. 24, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**, in **The Dwelling**.

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. (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle School S.T.A.Y. (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and High School S.T.A.Y. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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

Sunday, April 10

- 3:30 p.m. -Adult & Youth Handbell Rehearsal (Festival)
- 4:15 p.m. -Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. -Youth Musical Rehearsal – Choir Room

Wednesday, April 13

- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. -Youth Musical Rehearsal – Church
- 6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choir Rehearsals
- 7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 17

- 3:30-4:15 p.m. -Youth Handbell Rehearsal

## Holy Cross Corner



**Holy Cross Catholic Academy** band and choir students recently participated at TAPPS competitions in Lubbock.

The choir soloists receiving a superior rating of a 1 were:

Jenna Rickwartz – Freshman  
Gabriel Moreno – Sophomore  
Patricio Villafuerte – Sophomore

The band soloists receiving a superior rating of a 1 were:

Joey Benitez – Freshman  
Gabriel Moreno – Sophomore  
Claudia Moreno – Junior  
Dan Nguyen – Senior

**Congratulations to these talented students!**

## Around the Diocese

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, UMBARGER:** St. Mary's will be hosting **Frühlingsfest** on **Apr. 30, at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$100 per couple and include a meal, dance and reverse raffle. Prizes range from \$5,000 to \$2,000. Must be 21 to attend. For tickets, call Lea Ann, 806-499-3334

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP):** Learn at home and at your own pace with the Home Study Course from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://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](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm)

**FOR TWO - "BELOVED" SERIES** - Love is like a fine wine. Mature love ferments into something like wine. The fermentation process involves trials and ordeal. The process requires endurance and the result is like fine wine – complex, subtle, superior to grape juice. **BELOVED begins this evening, Sun., Apr. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Need more information about St. Thomas?

**GO to the website: [stthomasamarillo.org](http://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.)**



**WE MUST  
PRAY  
WITHOUT TIRING  
FOR THE SALVATION  
OF MANKIND  
DOES NOT DEPEND  
ON MATERIAL SUCCESS;  
NOR ON SCIENCES  
THAT CLOUD THE INTELLECT.  
NEITHER DOES IT DEPEND  
ON ARMS AND  
HUMAN INDUSTRIES,  
BUT ON JESUS  
ALONE.**  
— ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. John Valdez  
 Deacon .....Blaine Westlake  
 Deacon ..... Phillip Whitson  
 Retired Deacon ..... Jim Brown  
 Retired Deacon .....Terry Pevehouse  
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner  
 RE/Social Concerns/AFF Dir. ....Eileen Dolan  
 Assistant Music Dir. ....Nicole Koetting  
 Youth Director .....Greg Nagel  
 Parish Secretary .....Rita Walker  
 Facility Administrator .....Bryan Webb  
 Parish Bookkeeper .....Virginia Christian  
 Religious Ed Secretary .....Debi Banach  
 Parish Life Coordinator .....Julie Jones  
 Ministry Assistant .....Dayamin Winchester  
 Music Secretary .....Judith Tucker  
 Music Assistant .....Stephanie Gallegos  
 Facility Assistant .....Glen Starcher  
 Facility Assistant .....Tony Derda  
 Liturgical Environmentalist .....Julie Pierce

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, April 10:**  
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19  
**Monday, April 11:**  
 Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday, April 12:**  
 Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday, April 13:**  
 Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday, April 14:**  
 Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday, April 15:**  
 Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday, April 16:**  
 Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday, April 17:**  
 Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:**

Monday	4/11	NO MASS	
Tuesday	4/12	7:00 AM	+Art & Loretta Kleman Kleman Family
Wednesday	4/13	7:00 AM	+Ella Mae Sweeney Dick & Pat Wilcox
Thursday	4/14	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Ava Claire Caruso Ryan Huseman Family
Friday	4/15	7:00 AM	+Conrad & Elizabeth Westhoff Cathy Freeby
Saturday	4/16	5:00 PM	+Clare Wood Sandy Vaughn
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	4/17	9:00 AM	+Ronnie Buse Dick & Pat Wilcox
		11:15 AM	+Guadalupe Castillo Pat Stich

## Religious Education News

### April Calendar

Sun., Apr. 24-Communion Prayer Day 12:30 - Hall  
Thurs., Apr. 28-1st Comm. Rehearsal 7:00 - Church  
Sat., Apr. 30-1st Comm Line-up 10:00 - Gym  
Sat., Apr. 30-1st Comm Liturgy 10:00 - Church

"The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded as the natural, primary cell of human society. The interests of the family, therefore, must be taken very specially into consideration in social and economic affairs, as well as in spheres of faith and morals. For all of these have to do with strengthening the family and assisting it in the fulfillment of its mission."

Pope John XXIII

*Pacem In Terris*

## Adult Faith Formation

### REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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## Week at a Glance

### Monday, April 11

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Den Meetings - Education Wing  
7:00 p.m. - Social Concerns - Parlor

### Tuesday, April 12

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

### Wednesday, April 13

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  
6:00 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, April 14

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel  
1:30 p.m. - Focolare Movement - Marian Room  
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

### Friday, April 15

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### Saturday, April 16

6:00 a.m. - TMIY - Msgr. Tash Hall  
9:30 a.m. - OCP Liturgical Workshop - Music Wing/Msgr. Tash Hall  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

### Sunday, April 17

10:05 a.m. - AFF Class 1 - 1 Corinthians - Msgr. Tash Hall  
10:05 a.m. - AFF Class II - Symbolon - Marian Room  
12:15 p.m. - Newcomer Luncheon - Msgr. Tash Hall/Parlor  
12:30 p.m. - Depression Group - Bride's Room  
12:30 p.m. - Finance 101 - Marian Room  
3:00 p.m. - Nun Appreciation Meal - Msgr. Tash Hall/Parlor  
4:15 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing  
5:45 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing

**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.**