

## Parish News



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week  
were donated by  
Cathy Freeby in memory of  
Freeby & Westhoff Families

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Pledges for the United Catholic Appeal are still being accepted as we work to fulfill our quota. St. Thomas has always had a tradition of meeting or exceeding our quota. We are one of only two parishes in the history of the diocese to have accomplished this. We encourage all St. Thomas parishioners to prayerfully make a pledge for financial support of the Diocese of Amarillo. **Pledge cards are still available in the parish office.** Your generosity, as always, is much appreciated.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us for Cave Quest Vacation Bible School! **VBS will begin on Sun. evening, July 10, following the annual summer potluck meal. The fun will continue Mon. July 11 - Thurs., July 14.** Registration forms are in the bell tower. For more information, visit our website or contact **Julie Jones in the Parish Life Office, 358-2461, Ext. 123.**

**MISSION ROSARIES:** If you would be interested in learning how to make Mission Rosaries, please join us **Tues. afternoons in the Marian Room, 2:00-3:30 p.m., through Aug. 16.** There will be a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies. We'll have a light snack afterwards. If you plan on joining us, or have questions, please e-mail [sisneros@att.net](mailto:sisneros@att.net) or call 681-3185. May Our Lord Bless You!

**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., 4:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., Mon., 11:00 p.m., and Wed., 2:00 a.m.** Thank you to all Adorers who have signed up, but we are **still in need of substitutes.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

## Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
June 5, 2016	\$ 26,831.00	\$26,724.00	(\$ 107.00)

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."*

~Luke 6:38

## 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, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Tony Sisneros, Mary Britten, Frank Galitski, Mike Hartman, Alice & Ollie Perry, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Charlie Hennessey, Madeline Arrott, LaRuth Haverfield, Dick Wilcox, Nathan Tatum, Avery Blais, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Allen Lamb.

**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, Cody Keesee.

### ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN

Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. **Please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**

**ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP:** If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group each Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

**ATTENTION VACATIONERS:** Summer vacations are needed, but the church needs to pay bills during the summer. Please drop off your Sunday offerings before leaving town or sign up for on-line giving. Have a much-deserved vacation.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!** If you have already turned in your pledge card for United Catholic Appeal to the Parish Office and are now making payments, **those payments need to be sent directly to the Diocese of Amarillo, P. O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX, 79117, Attention Stewardship & Development Office.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Youth Schedule and Events

Hope everyone is having a great start to their summer! High school **STAY** is gearing up their summer activities and we'd love for all incoming freshman and outgoing seniors to join us **each Wed. in The Dwelling from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** We'll be taking some occasional nights away from St. Thomas so keep an eye out for emails and announcements to stay in the loop! Hope to see you this Wednesday!

**Also, I still have a few spots open for our Steubenville summer trip July 15-18! Please contact Greg ASAP if you'd like to attend or need more details!**

We're also starting our **S.T.A.Y. in College summer group** for all college students who are home for the summer! We'll meet from **7:00-8:30 p.m., each Mon. evening starting June 13.** I hope to see many of you as we decide what y'all want to discuss and dive deeper into this summer!

Please contact Greg Nagel at [nagel.gregory@gmail.com](mailto:nagel.gregory@gmail.com) for more information about any of our summer program and activities.

## Holy Cross Corner



The 2015-2016 Ray Huseman Heart and Soul Award was given to Tim Gallegos at the end of the year banquet. Besides teaching and coaching for 15 years at **Holy Cross Catholic Academy**, Mr. Gallegos has served as athletic director and works tirelessly behind the scenes in any way he can support HCCA.

**Congratulations to Tim Gallegos! Go Mustangs!**

**ST. THOMAS JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Thomas Church is seeking a **Youth Minister**. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and young adults between the ages of 18-30. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. **All candidates should submit resumes to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.**

**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.**

## Around the Diocese

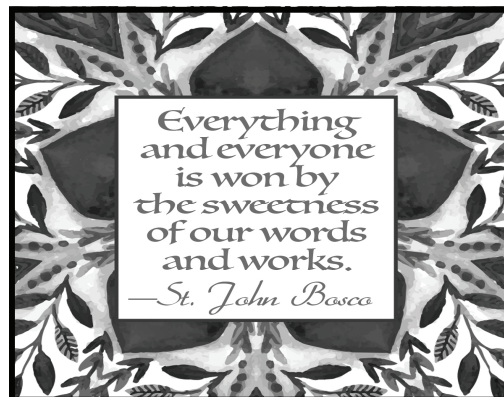
**ACTS AMARILLO** invites YOU to join them for a faith-filled week-end this summer that will give you a generous dose of God's grace. **Times are as follows: Teen Retreat, June 23-26; Men's Retreat Aug. 11-14.** Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! It makes a GREAT Mother's Day or Father's Day gift! Register today at [www.actsamarillo.org](http://www.actsamarillo.org).

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** St. Joseph's Church, 4122 S. Bonham St., will celebrate a **military Mass** for all deceased living and active Veterans. Let us give thanks to our Lord God and to all the veterans that have given up so much. Everyone is invited to attend. **The Mass will be held July 2, at 5:00 p.m.**

**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).

**ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:** Know any retired teachers/ educators or anyone who loves teaching? St. Mary's Cathedral School is looking for a few volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year to aid our teachers and staff with a gifted & talented and/or tutoring program. The number of hours and days are very flexible. This is a great way to continue sharing your gifts but without all the headaches. Anyone interested please email our **Principal, Linda Aranda at [aranda@stmarysamarillo.com](mailto:aranda@stmarysamarillo.com) or call 806-376-9112.**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Holy Cross Catholic Academy, the Diocese of Amarillo's middle school and high school (grades 6-12), is seeking a new principal, beginning in the summer of 2016. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic who is a collaborative and visionary leader, willing and able to continue to uphold and strengthen the school's commitment to fostering spiritual growth, academic excellence, and a life of service. Applicants must hold a master's degree, with a minimum of 18 graduate credits in educational administration. Experience teaching in a Catholic school is desirable, as is the ability to communicate well in both English and Spanish. Please send a letter of application, resume, a statement of philosophy of Catholic education, and contact information for at least 3 professional references to Fr. Robert A. Busch, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Amarillo, at [rbusch@dioama.org](mailto:rbusch@dioama.org). Review of applications will begin immediately.



**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  
 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, June 12:**  
 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36—8:3  
**Monday, June 13:**  
 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42  
**Tuesday, June 14:**  
 1 Kings 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
**Wednesday, June 15:**  
 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday, June 16:**  
 Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
**Friday, June 17:**  
 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23  
**Saturday, June 18:**  
 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34  
**Sunday, June 19:**  
 Zec 12:10-11, 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

**Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:**

Monday	6/13	NO MASS	
Tuesday	6/14	7:00 AM	+Dennis Sweeney Mary Sweeney
Wednesday	6/15	7:00 AM	+Ella Mae Sweeney Dick & Pat Wilcox
Thursday	6/16	7:00 AM	+Becky Teeter Shirley Kuriyama
Friday	6/17	7:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Mary Ann Engler Mary Ann Manske
Saturday	6/18	5:00 PM	+Frances Burcham M/M Robert Parker
		7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
Sunday	6/19	9:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Mary Ann Treviso Pat Stich
		11:15 AM	+Rita Artho Cathy Freeby

## Religious Education News

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS . . .

First Communion pictures have arrived and can be picked-up in the Bell Tower. They will remain in the Bell Tower until the end of June, after which they can be picked -up in the RE Office Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES . . .

Confirmation certificates are ready to be picked-up in the Bell Tower. They will remain in the Bell Tower until the end of June, after which they can be picked up in the RE Office Mon. through Thurs. between the hours of 9:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

## Adult Faith Formation

### HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today's first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin" (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today's Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!

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**Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church in your wills, memorials, life insurance, stock, annuity, living trust and other planned gifts. Thank you.**

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, June 13

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel

### Tuesday, June 14

6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

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

### Wednesday, June 15

7:30 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library

9:00 a.m. - Community Scripture Study - Parlor

3:00 p.m. - Marianist Group - Library

5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

### Thursday, June 16

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

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

### Friday, June 17

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Saturday, June 18

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

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

### Sunday, June 19

12:30 p.m. - Depression Group - Bride's Room

### CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL

O almighty and merciful God,  
who hast commissioned Thy angels  
to guide and protect us,  
command them to be our  
assiduous companions from  
our setting out until our return;  
to clothe us with their invisible protection;  
to keep us from all danger of collision,  
of fire, of explosion, of falls and bruises;  
and finally, having preserved us from all  
evil, and especially from sin,  
to guide us to our heavenly home.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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