

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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is
Risen!*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

**Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
& 6:00pm**

Tues, Wed, & Thurs: 8:30am

Fri: 6:30am

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PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR EASTER

The parish offices will be closed from Thursday, March 24th through Monday, March 28th and will reopen on Tuesday March 29th.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy
Alleluia!!!! Alleluia!!!!**

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! May the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our savior, make all things new. Christ has reconciled humanity with his Father.

On October 11th, 1962, Pope John XIII, now St. John XIII, opened the second Vatican council. In his address he said this, “Frequently the church has condemned errors with the greatest severity. Now days, however, the spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity. She considers that she meets the needs of the present day by demonstrating the validity of her teaching rather than by condemnation.” Fifty three years, and five Popes later, we have Pope Francis in a way echoing St. John XIII words in calling the church to the Jubilee of Mercy.

Our faith, our church, our Christian lives are about proclaiming the mission and ministry of the living and Risen Christ to be ministers of reconciliation, and this deserves a big Alleluia!!! Alleluia!!!

ST. VINCENT LANE

(entrance from 3rd & 4th Street entrances through Hwy 90) will be closed for 24 hours starting on Sunday, March 27th, 6pm and will reopen on Monday, March 28th, 6pm.

EASTER FLOWERS ENVELOPE

Inside this bulletin is the list of Easter Flower donations and those being remembered and honored. Thank you to all donors for helping to make our church so beautiful and for the extra donations to the flower fund for ongoing holidays.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came out last Saturday to beautify our church grounds.

Our Church, Our Responsibility!

**SALUTE/LOOKOUT CARDS AVAILABLE
After all Masses & in Parish Office**

REGISTER

We welcome all visitors with us today. Our house is your house and we are your family in faith. We would love to have you join our parish! To become a parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, just complete a registration form found in the display cabinets in the back of the church or fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket.



NAME _____

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SCRIPTURE CORNER

DRAWN INTO THE STORY

“We are witnesses!” The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, His death on the cross, and His resurrection. The passage from John’s Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus’ body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: “It is wonderful in our eyes!”

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

May the Risen Lord grant us the gift of faith to truly believe in the resurrection, and recognize His tremendous love for us this Easter. May the gift of His spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts, so that we may share our blessings with those in need, through a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. May God bless you for your generosity!

SENIOR CITIZENS APPRECIATION DINNER

This year’s dinner will be on Saturday, April 16th at 6:00pm in the Community Center hosted by the children/teens and parents of SRE and Young Vincen-tians. We appreciate our senior citizens (60+) for living their Catholic faith and for sharing their faith with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Senior citizens, please call the parish office to RSVP by April 2nd.



Fr. Pat, Fr. Dominic and I welcome our newly baptized and those who have made a profession of faith into our St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Faith Community. May we be ambassadors for Christ’s love, peace, and reconciliation. May the Joy of Christ fill your hearts and souls this Easter season and may the true love, peace, and reconciliation bring healing to the families whose lives and relationships are torn apart by selfish acts. Have a blessed Easter season. Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Your Humble Servant, Father Cuddy

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Collection of food for the Long Beach Food Pantry is next weekend. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and leave your bags in the vestibules of the church. We will deliver them to the Food Pantry. Cash is also needed. Just put it in an envelope in the collection basket marked for the Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

FEW REMINDERS

- Sat, Mar 26...**7pm Easter Vigil Mass (no 5pm Mass)
- Sun, Mar 27...**7:30am & 9am & 11:30am Easter Masses (no 6:00pm Mass)
- Sun, Mar 27-Mon, Mar 28...**6pm-6pm, St Vincent Lane closure
- Mon, Mar 28...**office closed
- Tues, Mar 29...**9am, Quilters meet
- Wed, Mar 30...**7pm, Doors of Mercy, adult faith formation, meet upstairs
- Thurs, Mar 31...**7pm, New Wine meet
- Fri, April 1...**8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel,
- Sat, April 2-Sun, April 3...**after all Masses, Religious Goods offered from Good Shepherd Showcase, east foyer

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED THURS 3/24-MON 3/28



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Fri, Mar 25-Sun, April 3....Spring Break

2016-2017 academic year

In-house registration is currently in progress until March 24th. The registration fee is \$250. After March 24th, the in-house registration fee increases to \$300. Open pre-registration begins on April 4th and the fee is \$300.

Visit the website:

svdpcatholicschool.org

228-222-6000

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION IS
SUBSIDIZED**

Subsidized (or parish supplemented) rates of tuition for Grades K-12 are available for all Catholic families registered, active and contributing members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. To avail of this lower rate of tuition at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, St. Patrick High School and/or Our Lady Academy, a registered family must be attending Mass at St. Thomas on a regular basis and using your church support envelopes regularly or the electronic method of contributing financially to the church. Your tithe is appreciated and needed for the upkeep of the parish. A form to request parish subsidy is available at the school office; turn it in to the parish office for completion.

Life Teen/EDGE Car Raffle -

It's that time of year again for our Life Teen/EDGE Spring car raffle! Mark your calendars to attend Friday, April 29th, 2016 in the Community Center. Rick Foley of Turan Foley Chevrolet-Cadillac-Buick and Foley RV Center has graciously donated a 2016 Chevy Malibu for this year's event. It's a beautiful car – come check it out! It's parked next to the Parish Office entrance behind the church. Tickets are available now, at the back of the church, at the school and in the church office. They will also be mailed upon request. Money and ticket stubs can be turned in in weekly collections or dropped off at the church office before April 29th. Tickets will also be sold after Mass times close to the date of the event. Tickets are \$50.00 each, which includes 1 person to enter, spaghetti dinner and a chance on the car.

“Come and Go Dinner” – Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm and drawing for the car is at 8:00 pm. Each ticket price will include one spaghetti dinner including salad, bread, dessert and tea/coffee and a chance for the car. Wine and beer will be available so no one under age 21 is permitted to attend. Classes will once again donate themed baskets to raffle. Tickets for the basket raffle are \$1.00 for one chance or 6 chances for \$5.00. You do not need to be present to win the car, basket raffle or the auction items.

We need donations for the silent auction. If you own a business and can donate a prize or a gift certificate, it would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to donate NEW items that would be suitable for the silent auction. Donors will be recognized in our parish bulletin and if a business donation, also at the event where your business card will be displayed with items donated. Please contact Lori Lea Sawyer at lorilea@cableone.net or 228 596 8040 if you have any questions about the silent auction. Come for the silent auction and car raffle but most of all fellowship and a great cause – proceeds benefit our Support for Youth Ministry. If you have questions about the event, please contact Linda Shirk at: lal909@yahoo.com or phone # 228-547-7921.

**HOW TO LOWER YOUR CATHOLIC
SCHOOL TUITION?**

A lower rate of tuition is available for families with students in Grades K-12 at St. Vincent de Paul School, St. Patrick High School and Our Lady Academy. How do you avail of that lower rate of tuition? By applying for parish subsidy—a form is available at the school office. To be eligible for the parish supplemented (or subsidized) rate of tuition, a registered family must be attending Mass at St. Thomas on a regular basis and using the church support envelopes or the electronic method of contributing regularly to the church. We appreciate the support of our school families. The request for subsidy form should be turned in to the parish office for completion.

GET READY TO RUN

On Saturday, April 9 Southern Miss Gulf Coast will play host to the Blue Cross & Blue Shield One-Mile Fun Run for students in grades Kindergarten through 5th.

I thought I would invite you (and you do not have to run) to be part of this very fun event!! To register online, go to: <http://www.msbluesmarathon.com/gr2r-coast-runner-registration.html>,

The commitment time is from about 8:30 a.m. until about noon. The minimum age to volunteer is 15 years.



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Upcoming events:

Thurs, April 7....7pm, meeting
Sun, April 17....8-11am, Parish Breakfast
Thurs, April 21....7pm, meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Jim Delinski, Grand Knight, at 863-6643.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



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April Calendar

During our Life Nights for 9th – 12th graders, teens will participate in goofy, fun games or skits relating to the weekly theme, listen to powerful sharings by adult leaders, share in small groups and leave with a weekly challenge. We meet in the youth room upstairs right after the 6pm LifeTeen Mass & end with a meal in the community center.

March 27th – NO LIFE NIGHT – EASTER SUNDAY

April 3rd – “Overfed Yet Starving” - The goal of Overfed Yet Starving is to bring awareness to substitutes of God’s love that keep us overfed yet starving. The Life Night introduces the teens to ways they can be satisfied by the extraordinary, the Bread of Life, in Eucharistic Adoration, as opposed to ordinary substitutes, like streaming TV and social media.

April 10th – “Trust” – The goal of this life night is to help the teens trust in God’s mercy.

April 17th - “Filled First” – The goal of this night is for the teens to learn how to receive the Works of Mercy in their own lives.

April 24th – Worship Night – Come join us for a night of Adoration, music and prayer!



April Calendar

During our Edge nights for 6th – 8th graders, teens will participate in goofy, fun games or skits relating to the weekly theme, listen to powerful sharings by adult leaders, share in small groups and leave with a weekly challenge. We meet on the balcony upstairs right after the 6pm LifeTeen Mass and end with a meal in the community center.

March 27th – NO EDGE NIGHT – EASTER SUNDAY

April 3rd – “Game Changer” - The goal of this night is to dive deeper into what happened at the Resurrection of Christ. The youth will come to understand more fully what proof there is of the Resurrection of Jesus and how it impacts both them personally and all of Christianity.

April 10th- “Refreshed” - The goal of this Edge night is for the middle school youth to learn the importance of taking time away from the distractions and noise of life to be refreshed by God in prayer.

April 17th – “The Deep End” - The goal of this night is to explore the prayer of praise and to help the youth see the importance of directing our lives to praising God through our heart and our actions.

April 24th- “ Get Social” – Come join us for a fun night of games, activities and food!

—Ray Lacy, 863-1610, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreK-5th (RCIC) Grade Calendar (2015-2016)

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS
FROM 10:10 – 11:20 AM

Mar 27.....NO SRE Class – Easter Sunday

Apr 3.....SRE Class

Apr 10..... SRE Class

***April 16..... Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner at
6:00 pm (CC)

Apr 17..... SRE Class

***April 23.....First Holy Communion Day of Prayer/
Rehearsal
9:30 am to 2:00 pm (church)

April 24.....SRE Class

6th-12th (RCIT) Grade Calendar (2015-2016)

CLASSES MEET ON WEDNESDAYS
FROM 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Mar 30.....NO SRE Class – Easter Holidays

Apr 6..... SRE Class/7th Special Conf Prep Class

Apr 13.....SRE Class/8th Special Conf Prep Class

***April 16..... Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner at
6:00 pm (CC)

Apr 20..... SRE Class

Apr 27..... SRE Class/“Night of Adoration, Praise,
and Worship for 11th Grade

Confirmation Candidates, Families, and
Sponsors 7:00 – 8:15 pm (church)

Vacation Bible School Registration

Registration for “The Vatican Express” continues until May 15th. Please register early to reserve a spot for your child at Vacation Bible School this June 6-10th. The green Registration Form can be found on the display cabinets in the church, outside the parish office, or in SRE building. For more information, please contact Sr. Cecilia.

SACRAMENTS:

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 1st at 11:30am

Confirmation Mass: Friday, May 13th at 6:00pm

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES

...for all 11th graders will continue every Wednesday until April 13th (except Holy Week and Easter Holidays) from 7:00-8:15 pm in the SRE building.

11th grade private/Catholic school students preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this year join us for these special Confirmation classes.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 3/29 8:30am +Marge Taylor
Wed, 3/30 8:30am +Patrick Drouilhet
Thurs, 3/31 8:30am +Patricia Catalano
 +Patrice O'Brien
 +Patricia Vezina
 +Robert Purcell
 +Thomas Cusack
 +Carmen Veronica Gonsoulin
Fri, 4/1 6:30am +Souls in Purgatory
Sat, 4/2 5:00pm +Mae Koenenn
 +Clay Bishop
 +Dennis Dauro
Sun, 4/3 7:30am +Janet Magandy
 9:00am St. Thomas Parish Family
 11:30am +James Loftus
 6:00pm Marilyn Giaben

PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Barbara Spencer, Chris Labat, Christina Edwards, Debra Seal, Donna Dougherty, Donna Gauthier, Flex Youngblood, Jace Mathews, Janis Curtis, Jerry Gollott, Joe Seal, Lillian Reed Jackson, Lisa Pique Craft, Lynn Whitaker Hughes, Martha Guimond, Pamela Sue Vagen, Rose Arbour, Steve Johnson, Tal Flurry, Taylor Boyd, William Petty III, and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

GONE HOME TO GOD

†James Loftus †Lois Curtiss
 †Helen Smith



**PLEASE DO NOT
 PARK ON THE RED
 LINES AROUND THE
 PARISH.....THANK YOU!**

SAT, MAR 12 & SUN, MAR 13'S OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!!
 Envelopes, \$8,977.00;
 Loose money, \$1,333.00;
 Children's Pickle Jar, \$83.00;
 Electronic Giving, \$1,510.00

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Apr 2&3</u>					
	<u>5:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	<u>11:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>6:00 PM Mass</u>
L	Myma Jordan	Matt Powers	Natalie Madigan	Rose Marie Ginn	L1 Bridget McMillan
C	Mike Bohlke	Edgar Dapremont	Sandra Ladner		L2 Megan Walters
	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EM1	Deacon B. Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt	Buddy Vancourt
2	Norman McDonald	Jason Green	Darlene Barry		Murph Fortenberry
3	Wendy Boettner	Carmen Peters	Jennifer Edwards		Gayle Vancourt
	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest	4 Priest
	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1	Cynthia Allen	Phylis Carlton	Mike Barry	Brenda Boney	Sharon Perez
2	Patti Salvador	Mildred Bolden	Martita Pierce		Mark McMillan
3	Bitsy McDonald	Eddie Ware	Gary Ponthieux		Julie LaFontaine
4	<u>Sr. Consilio Buckley</u>	<u>Cindy Cox</u>	<u>Ginny Macken</u>	<u>Andrew Ribar</u>	<u>Ray Lacy</u>
AS1	Christina Parry	Sami Gundlach	Olivia Walker	Julia Ribar	Sebastian Mink
2	Timothy Stanley	Secilia Gundlach	Victoria Walker	Nathan Ribar	Gyasi Sims
3	Jillian LaRosa	Maria Schuyler	Felicity Madigan	Sam Ribar	
4	<u>Jacob Holland</u>	<u>Sophia Schuyler</u>	<u>Timothy Skremetta</u>	<u>Athan Alexander</u>	
Gr E	Patti Salvador		Rita Sadler	Amanda Merrell	
Gr S	Carol Ambrester		Evon Womack	Brenda Boney	
Gr W	<u>Brian/Jeanne Jernigan</u>		<u>Cora Shull</u>	<u>Bob Boney</u>	

Happy Birthday!



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St Vincent de Paul Society... 9:30am-12:30pm,
 Mon & Thurs, open to help
Adoration in the Chapel... 8:00am-7:00pm, Fridays
Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales... after all Masses &
 during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays
Knights of Columbus, Council #4898... 7:00pm,
 every first & third Thursday of the month
St. Joseph's Helping Hands... Work day is every
 first Saturday of the month; meeting is every fourth
 Thursday

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