

## Religious Education & RCIA

### RE NEWS

\*1<sup>st</sup> Communion II kids: April 17 is your retreat date; April 22 will be your interview date for those learning at home. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be Saturday, May 1 at 10 a.m. Practice will be at 9:15 a.m.

\*\*Confirmation II kids learning at home, your interview date will be April 29. Your Confirmation practice will be May 5 at 5:30 and confession will follow at 6 p.m.

\*The Diocese of Amarillo has adopted the *Virtus* program, Protecting God's Children, for the training of adults working with minors. Registration for *Virtus* training must be done online in advance of the scheduled training. To register go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and follow the instructions. From that site you will be able to register for any session offered in the diocese. If you have questions, please call Ann Lueb at the parish office.

### RCIA NEWS

\*\*Please welcome our newest Catholics:

Michael Dykhouse

Kyler Robinson

Milisa Rodriguez

Michael Swartzendruber

Rebecca Swartzendruber

\*\*Want to know more about becoming Catholic? Please contact Kerry Acker!

Contact Kerry Acker DRE at [kacker@stthomasamarillo.org](mailto:kacker@stthomasamarillo.org) or 806.358.2461, Ext. 106, for more info on RCIA or Religious Education.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Youth

### Attention Graduating Seniors of St. Thomas

If you would like to be in the slide show following the senior graduation Mass, please send the following information to Andrew at this email: [neighborspatriot@gmail.com](mailto:neighborspatriot@gmail.com) no later than May 1st: **First and Last Name, High School, and three modest pictures (examples - baby, middle school, and senior).**

**DEADLINE is May 1, 2021.**

## Staying Informed

Keep up with what is going on at St. Thomas by signing up for **Flocknote** at [www.amarillo.church](http://www.amarillo.church) and like us and follow our latest news and updates on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/amarillo.church](http://www.facebook.com/amarillo.church)

### NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH?

Visit our website at [www.amarillo.church](http://www.amarillo.church)

Daily Mass **Mon. thru Fri., is at 9:00 a.m.;**

**doors open at 8:15 a.m.; enter Entrance B;**

Weekend Liturgies:

**Sat., 5:00 p.m., & Sun., 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.,**

(11:15 a.m., is live-streamed) **enter Entrance A or B.**

**Face covering required at all Liturgies.**

Confessions are heard on **Sat., 3:30-4:30 p.m.,**  
in the Parlor. **Enter Entrance B.**

**Face covering required.**

## Adult Faith Formation

### Daily Prayer this Week

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from our Lord to fall into his forgiving embrace.

*Dear Lord, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.*

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