

## Religious Education & RCIA

### RE NEWS

\*\*Sacramental-aged children: all make up work is due to class or the RE Office by April 25!!

\*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.

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\*\*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.

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\*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  
Michael Swartzendruber   Milisa Rodriguez  
Rebecca Swartzendruber

\*\*We are now in the fourth stage of RCIA: the Mystagogy Period. "Mystagogy" means "studying the mystery" and refers to how we are all called to continue to study the ways God speaks to us and calls us to grow in faith.

\*\*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



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

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)

## Adult Faith Formation

### Daily Prayer this Week

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it "contemplative" is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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