

Religious Education & RCIA

RE NEWS

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

*1st 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.

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

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church in your wills, memorials, life insurance, stocks, annuities, living trusts and other planned gifts.

Thank you.

Adult Faith Formation

Daily Prayer this Week

This potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident. If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

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