

## Religious Education & RCIA

### RE NEWS

\*\* RE classes have concluded for the RE year of 2020-2021. Have a blessed rest of the school year!

\*\*Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, May 14 at 7 p.m. with Bishop Zurek.

\*\*Our high school seniors will be honored with a mass on Sunday, May 16 at 11:15 a.m. Congrats to all graduating seniors in both high school and college!!

\*Be on the lookout for information for RE registration for the fall of 2021. We will open up online registration again this summer.

\*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

### Steubenville 2021 - Dallas, Texas

There will be eighteen of us going to Lone Star Steubenville this summer! Please pray for us as we embark on this life-changing journey! **Our trip is June 25-8**, and your prayers are much appreciated. We have had a wonderful year, and we are excited to finish it off with our Steubenville conference.

## Staying Informed



### NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH?

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)

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

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as." He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, unconditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us.

All week we can let the Spirit be the helper and the gatherer that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, "Come, Holy Spirit."

*Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.*

*Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.*

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"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln