

RE NEWS

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

****Confirmation was celebrated on Friday, May 14 at 7 p.m. with Bishop Zurek. Congrats to all our confirmandi!**

****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 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

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 25-28**, and your prayers are much appreciated. We have had a wonderful year, and we are excited to finish it off with our Steubenville conference.

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Daily Prayer this Week

This week, let us be a Church between Ascension and Pentecost - sensing Jesus has gone before us and longing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The invitation for us is to pray to the Father this week, as Jesus did. We pray through the desires churning around in our hearts. Getting in touch with those desires will bring us closer to preparation for celebrating Pentecost. Naming what we long for, will place us with Jesus, praying to the Father for help.

Of course, it can be tender and quite personal, speaking to our Father with a Jesus-given intimacy. And, what makes it concrete, real, and a prayer from the heart of each of us, is that we are letting all of this interact with the real things in our everyday life.

It can start with a dialogue with myself, e.g., where I ask myself questions and then answer myself.

What am I feeling? What fears can I name? What anxieties, worries come to me as I try to get in touch with what's going on right now? Who comes to my mind? Who is struggling? With whom am I in conflict? Am I frustrated? Tired? Feeling taken for granted? Where am I 'cutting corners,' or cheating or lying to myself or others? What's missing? What am I hungry for? What am I dreaming about? What is giving me joy?

The desires that flow from my answers to these questions shape our daily prayer this week. We find that we have plenty to talk with the Father about and ask for. Perhaps we can pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle within them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be re-created and join you in renewing the face of the earth.

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