

RE NEWS



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

*The next *Virtus* safe environment training to be held at St. Thomas will be **Wed., June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.** 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

Our RCIA formation has concluded for this year!

**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.

Staying Informed



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Daily Prayer this Week

This week of prayer can be very blessed. Beginning with the celebration of the Trinity - the powerful way God loves us, and the presence of the Spirit of the Father and the Son with us - we also reflect on the beauty of the Visitation and the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, and between Jesus and John, in the womb.

In the first movement for the week we let Jesus change our perspective on things. We can practice all week seeing things from Jesus' point of view. When we get angry with someone, we might be tempted to scream at them or worse. Instead we can let Jesus speak to our hearts and help us with the grace to forgive that person and actually love, as Jesus loves. We can take the perspective of Tobit, and of Mary and Elizabeth - fully trusting God's way, offering us freedom to say "yes" more deeply to our call.

This type of daily prayer, finding intimacy with God throughout our very busy days, can only work if we keep focusing on what we are desiring each day. And that can only work if we begin each day, naming our desires. Keep the desires simple: for example, "Lord, today, please help me see the grace you are offering me in the poverty I feel in this situation." It can take only seconds to say that in the morning when I get up, or while I'm showering or getting dressed. But, by saying it out loud to ourselves, we give shape to a background place of conversation with the Lord all day. With some focused moments of prayer throughout the day, our desires will interact with everything that happens to us.

"It is here, Lord, that you are asking me to surrender my anger. Mercy is so hard, but it is the way to life you are offering me. I know you desire mercy more than sacrifice. I so much want to know the blessedness of being a loving person. I feel more peaceful just knowing you are with me as I try to respond to this person with more compassion and forgiveness."

Creighton University's **Online Ministries**

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