

Ministries, Sacraments and Parish News

Baptism Registration and Preparation: Next Registration/Office Visit is Monday, June 25 – for both parents 30 to 45 minutes in duration. Next **Baptism Preparation** will be offered in September – dates will be available once new schedule has been determined and brochure is printed. The preparation classes are a requirement for parents and godparents. Classes may be taken before Reg./O.V. appointment and even before the baby arrives. Please note there are no classes at St. Thomas More in July nor August but you are welcome to take it at another parish. When referring to the 2017/18 brochure (in the stand at the main doors or on the parish website) please note that Mass baptisms are full for June, July and August but there is still room for children to be baptized at the 2pm Liturgy on June 24, July 22 or August 19. **Baby on the Way? Maybe you didn't know but**

The Second Commandment

- I. The Name of the Lord is Holy - *prescribes respect for the Lord's name CCC* 2142*
- II. Taking the Name of the Lord in Vain – *forbids false oaths CCC* 2150*
- III. **The Christian Name CCC* 2156** *The sacrament of Baptism is conferred “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In Baptism, the Lord's name sanctifies man, and the Christian receives his name in the Church. This can be the name of a saint, that is, of a disciple who has lived a life of exemplary fidelity to the Lord. The patron saint provides a model of charity; we are assured of his intercession. The “baptismal name” can also express a Christian mystery or Christian virtue.*

“Parents, sponsors, and the pastor are to see that a name is not given which is foreign to Christian sentiment.”

You are invited to my ordination to the priesthood by His Grace Archbishop Richard Smith on June 28th, 7 pm at St. Joseph's Basilica. I have appreciated all the support and prayers of the Saint Thomas More community for me and all the seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary. Please know you are in our prayers. **Deacon Robert Lee.**



Pastoral Care Ministry: We are in great need of volunteers for this ministry. At the present time we are visiting eight senior residences, one Auxillary Hospital, four home visits, three care centres as well as hospital visits for Catholic shut-ins. Our number of volunteers is only 18, including the Legion of Mary members. They visit these residences offering a lay liturgy or prayers and Holy Communion to the Catholic residents on a weekly basis as well as Mass once a month at some of the residences. There have been two new senior residences opened in the last few months and requests have already been made for our Parish to visit the Catholic residents. There is also one new senior residence opening in 2019 within our Parish boundaries. Please consider sharing your talents in this ministry. It is very rewarding for the volunteers as well as for those who are unable to get to Mass to receive Holy Communion.

Sacraments, Ministries & Other

STM Parish Survey: The Saint Thomas More Parish Council has been asked to generate a strategic plan for the parish. As part of the process of establishing such a plan it is important that we get input from you the parishioners. We have therefore put together a Parish survey with the input from Clergy as well as a focus group. The survey is divided into sections relating to four key aspects

1. Spiritual
2. Community
3. Operations
4. Personal demographics

This survey will be handed out at the Masses on the weekend of June 9-10. Your individual comments in the survey will remain anonymous. We would like at least one family member to fill one out. It is important that we get input from all. We have also created an online version of which the link can be found on the Parish Website. If you know of parishioners that are not present today please take an additional survey and give it to them. The surveys will also be available at the back of the church until Sunday June 17.

We would like to get all the responses returned by the end of June. Your input is very important. Please take time and fill out the form and return it in the box at the back of the church or online. Parish council will use your opinion in establishing the strategic plan for the upcoming years.

This is your parish. It is only with your input that we can make this parish "OUR PARISH". Thank you

Randy Yatscoff

Parish Council Chair

Confirmation: Its Confirmation time! Our program is for all students who will be in Grade 7 – 12 in Fall 2018. If you're interested, please pick up an info sheet from the entrance of the Church or go online at www.stmparish.com. Drop in **Registration Dates will be Saturdays on June 9th, 16th or 23rd** from 10 – 12 pm at St. Thomas More. For more information contact Sara at youth@stmparish.com or 780-434-6313 ext 223!

First Holy Communion Masses: Our parish is celebrating several First Holy Communion Masses over four weekends. 260 children will be receiving the body and blood of Christ for the very first time. The 5:00pm, 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses will be extra busy this weekend through until June 9/10. Please plan accordingly. Thank you for supporting these children and their families with your prayers.

Confirmation Volunteers! Are you a new teacher or education student? Are you interested in faith education or need volunteer hours? Would you like to serve the needs of youth in the parish or contribute to the evangelical mission of the Church? If you answered yes to any of these questions you should consider becoming a volunteer for the Sacrament of Confirmation. STM is looking for 20 volunteers for the Confirmation program next fall, with a time commitment for either Sunday afternoons or Monday nights. If interested, please contact Sara for more details at 780-434-6313 or at youth@stmparish.com