

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 July 22 or August 19. Please call Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 to arrange if you have completed baptism preparation already. **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.”

***CCC Catechism of the Catholic Church—how to live out The Bible!**

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.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO DEACON ROBERT'S ORDINATION on Thursday, June 28th and can't get there? St. Thomas More is providing a bus to the ordination at St. Joseph's Basilica including return. If you are interested and would like to take the bus, please RSVP with the parish office by June 17th. We need to know how many people will require transportation so there will be enough seats on the bus to accommodate everyone who has RSVP'd. If you have questions, call Monica at 780 434 6313 ext 227. We will call you back to confirm your seat including details of departure and return. **COME AND SUPPORT Deacon Robert and attend this beautiful celebration!**



The **Dust Angels** are our parishioners and volunteers looking for help. They meet every Monday morning at 7am to clean the church, to give us a clean space in which we meet and worship. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please come on Monday morning at 9am and ask for Arthur Connick.

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 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!

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

First Holy Communion Masses: Our parish has celebrated several First Holy Communion Masses over four weekends. 260 children have received the body and blood of Christ for the very first time. Thank you for supporting these children and their families with your prayers.