

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. **Baptism Brochure:** When referring to the 2017/18 brochure (in the stand at the main doors or on the parish website) please note the only remaining opportunity to baptize this summer is the 2pm Liturgy on August 19. Please call Diane 780-434-6313 ext. 233 to arrange. **Going to be a parent?** Before the arrival of your little one is a great time to prayerfully and carefully consider who the godparent(s) should be. Choosing godparents for your child is more than a social honour - at the font the godparents make promises to God, the child and the community to support the parents in raising the child within the Catholic faith which comes to us directly from Jesus Christ. This is why the godparents need to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, be actively practicing their faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, regular reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and living out their faith in word and action. Godparents assist the parents in passing on the Catholic faith to the child but it is not necessary that they be relatives. If you are having difficulty finding a suitable godparent for your child please contact Diane.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) article 2156 states that we are to baptize our children as soon after birth as possible (not waiting until first birthday) and we are to give our children names of 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.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO DEACON ROBERT'S ORDINATION on Thursday, June 28th? Then why not eliminate the stress of driving to the Basilica and trying to find parking space, when you can take a FREE BUS from St. Thomas More church right to the ordination and back. If you would like to join us on the bus, **please call the church secretary by June 17th**. We need to know the number of people requiring transportation so there will be enough seats. The bus will leave from St. Thomas More at 5:30 pm sharp and return after 10:30 pm. We will contact everyone taking the bus with complete details. If you have questions, call Monica at 780 434 6313 ext 227. COME and SUPPORT Deacon Robert and attend this beautiful celebration!



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

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”. If you haven’t yet done the survey there are paper copies on the table where the survey return boxes are. 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. The last drop in **registration date will be Saturday, June 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

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.