

Welcome to Rev. Shayne Craig, pss as he celebrates mass with St. Vital's this weekend

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting—Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm. Please bring a photo copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the registration and information meeting. Preparation materials \$30.00

Creating a Vocations Culture (One Minute at a Time)

St. Joseph Seminary is offering a Come and See Weekend on **February 7-9**. This is an opportunity for all men who feel they might be called by Jesus to consider the call to priesthood. Please pray and invite those in your parish that you feel should consider the call, especially if that is you. For more information, call 780-392-2445 or email vocations@caedm.ca.

CRS Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Catholic Renewal Services is holding its monthly prayer breakfast at the Chateau Louis Conference Center, 11727 Kingsway, Edmonton on **Saturday, February 8**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The guest speaker is Shauna Garagan, and music ministry is by Day Spring, C.C.R. Cost of \$14 includes full buffet. (Priests get in free.) Reservation is requested; please phone: 587-989-0483 or go to www.ccredmonton.info.

Mass with Healing Service

Catholic Renewal Services is sponsoring a Mass with Healing Service, presided by Fr. James Bodula, on **Saturday, February 22**, at 7 p.m. at St Theresa Parish, 7508 - 29 Avenue, Edmonton. There will be special prayers for individual situations. Everyone is welcome.

12th Annual Men of Integrity Catholic Men's Conference - MAN UP!

Attention Catholic Men! You are invited to join hundreds of other men on **February 7-8** at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove. Bring your brothers, fathers, and sons aged 14 and up. Justin Fatica, our keynote speaker from New Jersey, is an explosive, dynamic and passionate speaker whose goal is to whip the men into 'spiritual shape'. Fr. Stefano Penna and Paul Quist will join Justin. We encourage and challenge men to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a Catholic man. Leave a true and lasting legacy for your family. Become the man God has called you to be. Man Up! For more information, contact Catholic Family Ministries at 780-961-3346 or register online at www.catholicfamilyministries.com. (\$45 for man / \$30 for student /online + \$5 paypal charge).

Tired of cooking and dishes – let us help you!

On **Monday, February 17 from 5pm to 6:30pm** we will be hosting a SPAGHETTI DINNER in the church basement in support of the Knight of Columbus/Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. Our goal is to raise funds to provide 10 wheelchairs to those in need in the developing world. Costs: \$5.00/person, 5 & under free. Thank you for your support

Day of Confessions Returns

Archbishop Smith is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a special Day of Confessions on **Tuesday, March 18**. On that day, all priests in all parishes across the Archdiocese will be available all day to hear confessions. The first Archdiocese-wide Day of Confessions was held 2013 as part of our Jubilee 100 celebrations, and was a day of great grace for both priests and thousands of penitents. The Day of Confessions will not replace the regular Lenten Penitential Service in the parish, but will provide a special opportunity for all, whether they receive the sacrament regularly or not, whether they go to their home parish or drop in to a church near their office or school. "Everyone is welcome," says Archbishop Smith. "God's mercy embraces everybody and we really want to make ourselves available for our people. For a priest, it's an occasion of great joy that he is able share the peace of Christ with our people."

Sacrament of the Sick:

If you or someone in your family will be entering hospital for surgery and you wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact your parish office or pastor.

Many hospitals in Edmonton have chaplains on staff. If you are in hospital or going to be in hospital and would like to receive a visit from a Catholic chaplain or priest, you may request this from hospital staff. Information regarding religious affiliation is not noted on admission; therefore it is up to the patient or their family to ask the staff to arrange for a visit.

Beauty of Stewardship

February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

In today's Gospel, Simeon foretells great pain and sorrow for Mary, “- and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Mary, the first disciple and Christian steward, did not allow Simeon's prophecy to dissuade her from the path God chose for her. Being a disciple and steward is not easy in today's culture of rampant materialism, consumerism, and hedonism. As you strive to be the best disciple and steward you can be, remember the virtues of perseverance, patience, and prayer will strengthen you on the journey – especially when personal sorrow or persecution is encountered along the way.

Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

THANK YOU for helping the Saint-Andre Playground Project win \$5,000 from the Aviva Community Fund.

It's official – the Saint Andre Playground Project will be awarded \$5,000 from the Aviva Community Fund. We shot for the moon and landed among the stars! Though we would have LOVED to have been awarded additional funding, winning \$5,000 is a huge victory for us. The fact that we were a Top 30 finalist out of over 1,000 entries from across the country is a huge accomplishment. We could have not done this without the support from St. Vital Parish. THANK YOU SO MUCH! For more information on our fundraising events, to make an online donation, please visit <http://sa.starcatholic.ab.ca/playground/>. THANK YOU!

