

WE NEED HELP

Our parish is growing and it is a great sight to see children everywhere. But we would also like to see them grow in their faith through religious instruction or education. We are in need of concerned parishioners who would volunteer as teachers for our:



1. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** and/or probably a **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** next year (depending on the interest and resources we have). There is no age limit for teaching or assisting. You will be trained and will be prepared to walk with our children in their journey of faith. For details, contact Donna O'Toole 204-504-3049.
2. **R.C.I.A.** - is a journey of those who would like to become Catholics or for Catholics who are returning or just wanting to grow deeper in their faith. If you would like to be part of the training team or interested to join as a participant, please contact Paulette Dupuis 204-253-2912.
3. **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM** - for families who would like their children baptized, we conduct a one-hour lesson in preparation for the Sacrament. We are in need of presenters who will journey with the family of the child in introducing them to the spiritual life and into the family of God, the Church. Please contact Fr. Gerry 204-253-4176.
4. **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** - is for adults who would like to learn and apply their faith or delve deeper into their faith with questions or doubts. To become part of the team or to become a participant, please contact Bonnie Cornwell 204-237-0540.
5. **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** - to prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please contact Donna O'Toole 204-504-3049.
6. **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**- to prepare couples who are getting married. For details contact Fr. Gerry 204-253-4176.



WAY OF THE CROSS

We invite everyone to come and pray with us as we meditate on the Stations of the Cross. Jesus took a long road to save us. Every step was taken with great pain and suffering. Let us join Him as Church, the Body of Christ as we pray for the world and the salvation of souls. Beginning on Friday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.

PALMS FOR ASHES

Every year, we burn our old palms from the previous year. And the ashes that are left are used for Ash Wednesday. If you have old palms from last year, please bring them to the parish office no later than Monday morning (February 12) so that we can prepare the ashes.



LENTEN FAST FOR MORBERG HOUSE

The early Christians lived and shared their possessions. If they heard of a family in need, they would pool their resources to help. However, most of these Christians were poor also and so, in order to help, they would make sacrifices such as skipping meals (fasting) in order to save money. They would pool the money they had saved and would give it to their needy members. This Lent, we would like



to encourage the whole parish to consciously offer prayer and fasting for the Church and for the world. Fasting could mean skipping a coffee break or snacks, or skipping a meal altogether (fasting). Set aside and keep the money in a can or in a bottle and at the Mass of Holy Thursday, we will collect them and send them to “Morberg House.”

Located in the Heart of Old North St. Boniface, Morberg House is a 10-bed facility offering transitional housing in a supportive, room and board environment. Staffed 24/7, residents of Morberg House benefit from a range of client centered, strength based case plans designed to improve personal circumstances. Most graduates of the Morberg House Program move on to permanent housing. Others will return to their communities and families of origin. They also receive help through referrals to other services such as income assistance, job referrals, addiction treatment, legal aide, counselling, and other services. If each one of us would make a sacrifice each day, we can give hope to the homeless and also practice Christian charity to our needy brothers and sisters.



SOCK IT TO ME

Let's help Siloam Mission to stamp out cold feet! Please donate new socks for the **“Sock It To Me”** campaign.

Place your donations of new socks in the green box (just inside the entrance of the church) and show that St. Emile can help take a bite out of winter!

The goal is 500 pairs of socks, which we will ask Father Gerry to bless prior to bringing them to Siloam Mission.



LINE DANCING MOVES TO THURSDAYS

Our Line Dancing lessons are moved to Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We would ask \$2. per participant to be given to our instructor each week. Our instructor has agreed to donate the proceeds to the parish. (Thank you so much). So join us and let's have fun while keeping those pounds away this winter.a

