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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST this Sunday, (Jan. 19th) after the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking **Baptism Preparation** now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents).** 

Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival.

Parents wishing to register for the next course, which will be held **Tues**, **Jan. 21st**, **2014 at 7:30 pm** are asked to call the parish.

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

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## **Beauty of Stewardship**

# January 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptist introduces Jesus to his followers and identifies Him as "The Lamb of God". God called St. John to a very definite purpose. Similarly, we too through baptism are called to introduce Christ to others. This type of stewardship gives credibility to the Profession of Faith we recite every Sunday. It is a privilege to be given the gift of new life in baptism. Our grateful response to this gift should be the desire to share our experience of new life by introducing Jesus to those who do not yet know Him.

Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

#### KOINS FOR KIDS

Thank you to the supporters of this program. \$2,385.74 was donated to the St. Alphonsus Snack Program for 2013

#### **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 <u>vocations@caedm.ca</u>.

#### **Online Faith Formation Courses**

Registration is now open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses offered by Newman Theological College, running from **February 17 to March 23**. Choose from Scripture, Jesus Christ, Liturgical Practices, The Practice of Social Justice, or Moral Theology, and study from the comfort of home around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one of six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. Students are free to

course for interest, or work toward one of six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. Students are free to take as few as one course per cycle or many. For more information or to register, visit <a href="www.newman.edu">www.newman.edu</a>.

### 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).

## **2013 PARISH STATISTICS**

Baptisms – 53 Confirmation – 35 First Communion – 36 Marriages – 9 Funerals – 12