

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Don't forget  
to lend your  
support



Dear Parishioners,

I miss seeing many of you regularly at our Masses. Some have started coming to weekday Masses and others who want to stay more isolated are using the hall space to socially distance at our weekend Masses. I realize the Covid numbers are rising, and we all have our own reasons to be cautious.

Some news you may not have heard is that we now have the services of two deacons for our parish. Deacon Claude Baril has transferred from St. Mary's Parish in Red Deer to our faith Community. Since he lives near Rimbey they will see him more frequently than we will in Sylvan Lake. This summer Deacon Eddie Lavoie was granted his "faculties" (right to function as a deacon) to serve the Sylvan Lake community. Deacon Eddie has been a deacon for 25 years, serving in the North and in British Columbia. Deacons are unpaid members of the Parish Staff but who can take services such as Baptisms and Funerals and you will hear them proclaim the Gospel and or Preach as well.

Deacon Eddie and Kathy Inglis will be cohosting our adult faith formation program this fall. It will be based on a series of videos available through the program FORMED. There won't be any cost to the parishioners and each episode will be independent of the others in the series. If you have not signed up for Formed the process is below. This program's yearly subscription was a gift to the parish last winter and we hope you will find many programs, videos, talks, children's shows etc. that might interest you.

The Program they have chosen is called **Search**. They need the support of table facilitators and hospitality people as well. If you are interested in helping with either of these ministries, please contact Kathy at [kminglis@telus.net](mailto:kminglis@telus.net) or Eddie at [eglavoie@gmail.com](mailto:eglavoie@gmail.com) and if you know already that you would like to sign up for the program you could let them know as well. Pre-registration is to help with planning since there are no books to buy. However, if you don't think you would like to come to a group activity but would still like to participate, please contact Kathy Inglis (403 396 5811) about alternative ideas.

To sign into FORMED, this is the process:

Begin in the URL bar or the search engine by typing in the words: [formed.org](http://formed.org)

1. Click on **ENTER**
2. Click on **Sign-Up**
3. Click on **Sign-Up as a parishioner**
4. Search for our parish under the heading of "**Our Lady Sylvan Lake**" or "Our Lady" and then find Sylvan Lake from the selection boxes.
5. Click **NEXT**
6. **Type in your name and your email address** and then you are registered and can enter.
7. **Create a bookmark** for your search engine to get back easily.

Thank you for your support of our parish community in presence and prayer.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Father Les Drewicki, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish**