

## *A Message from Your Clergy*

*Because Pastoral Care is very important to us at St. James' we expect to be interrupted any time you have a real crisis in your life. However, we cannot read your mind – we need your help to know when you need us. Here are some tips on . . . . .*

### **WHEN TO CALL A PRIEST**

1. When someone in your family dies. **Call immediately.** We would really like to be involved as your loved one approaches death. We don't mind your waking us up, and we want to be on hand and available to you in the midst of your grief, not just after the facts.
2. When someone in your family is critically ill. **Call immediately.** We will visit them in the hospital or at home as soon as possible.
3. When someone in your family is going to have surgery. **Call in advance.** We are happy to bring communion to the hospital, or to have prayers with those awaiting surgery.
4. When someone in your family is having a crisis of faith. **Call to make an appointment** to come and sit down for a conversation. You really are our top priority and we will see you just as soon as possible.
5. When someone in your family is planning a wedding. **Call to make an appointment** to come in and meet with the priest who will perform the service.
6. When someone in your family loses a job, or loses a friend to death, or is suffering from chemical dependency or depression.
7. When a child is born, it's great to get a call even before the birth. We'd like the opportunity to make a visit to bless both parents and child.
8. When something wonderful is happening in your life. We know it is important to share your saddest times, but we want to be with you in the best times of your life too.

## ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE REQUEST FORM

The St. James' Pastoral Care Commission would like to respond to your concerns. Please check the appropriate box(es) and drop this card in the mail or in the alms basin on Sunday Morning. If you have requests that are not addressed on this form, feel free to add any information you wish. Your request(s) will be confidential and you will be contacted by someone as soon as possible. In the spirit of respecting the dignity of others, it is wise to inform someone **before** requesting pastoral care for them.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Requests

#### I would like to:

- be placed on the prayer list. Any special request: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- be contacted by (staff or clergy member): \_\_\_\_\_
- be contacted by The Pastoral Care Commission for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Requests for Others

#### I know someone who:

- I'd like to place on the prayer list.
- is homebound.
- Who would like to receive home communion.
- Has a new baby.
- Has had a death in the family.
- Is now or is about to be hospitalized.
- Has a chronic illness.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*"O Lord my God, I cried out to you for help, and you have healed me."*

*Psalms 30:2*