

Hi! I am the Youth Ministry Coordinator for Saint Thomas More parish. I was recently appointed to this position in Oct. 2017 and have a Basic Catechist Certification with 4 ½ years' experience volunteering in *Children's Faith Formation* Grades K thru 6. I also serve in several other ministries here at STM and am always willing to take on a new challenge. Working with our High School and Junior High youth is a great opportunity and huge responsibility and when God called me to it I had to ask, "Are you serious Lord – ME? Aren't I a little old to be a youth minister?" HIS answer was "NO, now get to work!" So, here I am with the Holy Spirit driving the bus, I'm merely the co-pilot in this, ***the best job in the world!***

I have been a Paradise resident since 1979 and was raised Catholic and attended Catholic school from 1st grade up to high school. I am recently retired and widowed but am blessed to have two wonderful grown kids and two equally amazing granddaughters who are my source of life and my best channel to God. I have many years' experience working with young kids and teens through coaching youth sports here in Paradise and Chico while also serving on both board of directors for Little League and Youth Soccer. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and those years were truly some of the best years of my life.

I am very excited about Pope Francis' and the Catholic Church's renewal of dedication to our youth and strongly believe that they are the future of our Faith and are deserving of every ounce of energy, time, encouragement and instruction we can give to them.

OUR MISSION

To engage our parish community youth in a relationship with God; to equip them to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ; and to enjoy and share God's love.