

ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Jan. 14th - 9:00 am – Denis Dufault (*Madeleine Bazin*)

Sunday, Jan. 21st - 9:00 am – Simone Dheilly (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, Jan. 28th – 9:00 am – Ted Tkachyk (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Jeanne Dedieu family

God's Share : Jan. 7th - \$212.00 (15) + \$5.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$237.00

Church Cleaning : Jan. 1st to Feb. 15th – Simone Lambert & Yvonne Bazin

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 14th</u>	<u>January 21st</u>	<u>January 28th</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilly family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly	Michelle Dheilly
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.

ACCUEIL D'AGE D'OR - HAYWOOD

Sunday January 14 - **card party (whist)** at 7:00 p.m.
Entry fee \$5.00, lunch included. All welcome!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January 2018

Evangelization: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Let us pray for all the sick members of our community!

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 14th, 2018

Week Day Masses in St. Claude :

There is now a mass celebrated every day of the week by Father Solomon. Please consult the St. Claude bulletin for mass times.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

Meeting of PPC and Finance Committees : Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 :30 p.m. in the church.

Many Thanks!

Thank you to those who have donated to the Christmas collection of tuques, scarves, mittens, etc... *Jacqueline and Yvonne*

Marriage Preparation Course: March 9-11, 2018:

'It Takes Three' Marriage Prep Course, in Holland, March 9-11th, 2018. If you or anyone you know is planning a marriage, please talk to your priest and register for this preparation seminar at 526-2504.

Thought of the Week:

The Christian vocation is to be a witness of Christ, witness not so much in speaking of him, but daring to follow him...

St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage - St. Mary's Cathedral, Winnipeg - Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Encounter St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of missions, in the extraordinary incorrupt relic of his forearm and hand: Tuesday, January 16, at St. Mary Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg. This is a remarkable opportunity to venerate this famous first-class relic, which rarely leaves the Church of the Gesu in Rome. Come pray with this great saint and be inspired by his miraculous ministry. For more details: cco.ca/relic. Marriage, Family & Life

EXTENDED EARLY BIRD REGISTRATON* 'Created for Connection'- A Guided Retreat for Christian Couples: February 9-11, 2018

Are you looking to enrich, reenergize or heal your marriage? An outstanding guided retreat for Christian couples, offered by the Service of Marriage, Family and Life, Archdiocese of St. Boniface, will take place just before Valentine's Day this year! Couples will be invited to deepen their connection and create a more secure love relationship, by exploring 7 conversations for lasting love. The retreat is based on the life-giving and highly effective method for helping couples: emotionally focused therapy. Retreat location: St. Benedict's Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave, West Saint Paul, MB. Cost: \$395/couple; \$350 early bird registration before February 1st, 2018. For more information: www.archsaintboniface.ca. For any questions: Sophie Freynet-Agossa, mfl@archsaintboniface.ca, 204-594-0274.

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2018 Share Lent Workshop: Peace and Dialogue – Thursday, February 1st, 2018

Do you want to learn more about the campaign, so you can present it in your parish? Everyone is welcome to a workshop held on Thursday, February 1st; registration at 6:30 PM; supper and presentation from 7 – 9 PM; held in the Bishop's Dining room downstairs at 151 de la Cathédrale Ave., Winnipeg. (Please buzz 215 to come in). D & P members from outside the city of Winnipeg are asked to contact the animator regarding carpooling and compensation for mileage and accommodations. Food and refreshments will be provided. For more information: Rachele Rocque, 204-231-2848, rrocque@devp.org.

Winter Camps for Children & Youth, 8 to 17 years old

Come have fun at dynamic and exciting winter camps in St. Malo for children & youth who desire to grow in their Catholic faith. The CSE (Catholic School of Evangelization) offers amazing weekend camps in English for: 8 to 12-years old - January 19 to 21, 2018; for 12 to 15-years old - February 2 to 4, 2018 and the annual bilingual winter *Revive Retreat* for 15 to 17-years old - February 16 to 19, 2018. French-language camp dates are available on the [CSE website](http://www.stmalocamps.net). Early-bird discounts end Friday, December 8, 2017. **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY** at www.stmalocamps.net. For more information: camps@catholicway.net, 204-347-5396.

Marriage Tip :

Now that the busyness of Christmas is over, why not start the new year right by planning a regular weekly family night? Be creative about spending some quality time together for wholesome bonding.

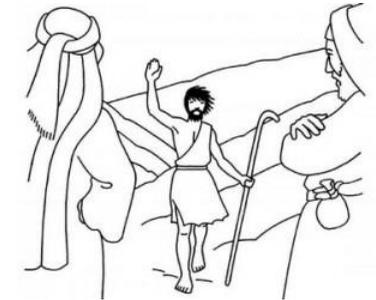
Stewardship Reflection - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2018

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

‘What are you looking for?’” John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

John the Witness



After the prologue that summarizes the story of the Word who came into our world, the first person to be recorded in the fourth Gospel is John the Baptist. In this Gospel, John is never referred to as *the Baptist*. Instead he is a witness. This passage which is taken from the Gospel today begins with the words: *This is the testimony given by John* (John 1:19). What was his role as a witness?

Witness of a revelation

How did John the Baptist recognize Jesus? Contrary to the three other Gospels, the fourth does not report any connection between the two. John repeats twice: *I myself did not know him* (Jn 1:33,35). John is the witness who speaks about Christ whom the Father revealed to him.

Behold the lamb of God

Who is Jesus whom John revealed? He bestowed an astonishing title on him: the *Lamb of God*. What does this title mean? Many hypotheses have been proposed and we examine the following points. John refers to two important signs from the Old Testament. One reference is to the paschal lamb. Before the Jewish people could leave Egypt, they slaughtered a lamb and sprinkled its blood on every lintel and door post. This act would spare their families from death suffered by every Egyptian first born. (Ex 12:1-28). Following this tragedy, the Israelites were free and could journey to their Promised Land.

The Prophet Isaiah referred to a mysterious *servant*. This person would suffer and give up his life for his people. This person would be as gentle as a lamb and have the power to conquer evil. Isaiah described him: *Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter... he did not open his mouth...he bore the sins of many...* (Isaiah 53:7-12). John believed that Jesus is the *Lamb of God* who *takes away the sins of the world*. In Greek, the verb that is used to translate *taking away* is *airein*. During Jesus' trial before Pilate, the crowd used the same term to demand his death and cried out: *Away with him! Away with him* (John 19:15). The Person, whom the crowd wanted to put to death, was the One who would *take away* their sin. We note that the word *sin* is singular, for there is only one sin, which is to be cut off from God and life.

The pathway leading to faith

It is interesting to note that Jesus' first words in this fourth Gospel are a question: *What are you looking for?* What follows is another: *Where are you staying?* The disciples followed Jesus on the lengthy road to the fullness of faith. St. John notes that the disciples began to follow Jesus at approximately four o'clock in the afternoon. Their journey toward the light would begin that night.