



ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Feb. 25th - 9:00 am – Jean Dheilily (*Lucille Dheilily*)

Sunday, March. 4th - 9:00 am – Ernest Antoine (*Marie-Rose Antoine*)

Sunday, March 11th – 9:00 am – Jean deRocquigny (*Margaret & family*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Anna Antoine

God's Share: Feb. 18th - \$240.00 (19) + \$2.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$262.00

Church Cleaning: Feb. 16th to March 31st – Yvonne Dequier & Doris Rey

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 25th</u>	<u>March 4th</u>	<u>March 11th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection:	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilily family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Yvonne Bazin	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.

Accueil d'Age d'Or - Haywood

Sunday February 25 - cards (whist) at 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 includes whist, bongo and lunch. Everyone welcome.

Financial report 2017: is available on the back tables.

Spring Bazaar: This year will be on April 22nd. Save the date.

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

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

February 25th, 2018

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2018

Universal: Say 'No' to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : (*message from Father Solomon*)

Father Solomon is always at home in the rectory. If you would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please do not hesitate to come and see him any day of the week. He prefers that you do not wait until just before masses. Ring the doorbell and he will be at your disposition with pleasure.

Way of the Cross for Lent 2018 : Fridays at 7 :00 p.m.

"The Way of the Cross invites us to follow Jesus walking towards his crucifixion. Death cannot hold him back; he gets up, he resurrects. (Dev. and Peace) Throughout Lent 2018, there will be the Way of the Cross at the Church in St. Claude every Friday: March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 7:00 pm. All the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are invited to participate.

Guitar Concert : Today, Sunday, February 25, 2108 at the St. Claude Church

Alliance Française Manitoba is presenting Gaëlle Solal, classic guitarist, in concert at the St. Claude Church on Sunday, February 25 at 4 :00 p.m.

Admission : Adults, 13 years and older - \$13.00 ; children – Free. Tickets are available from the Cultural Committee of St-Claude and Haywood or at Shop Easy Foods store. Everyone is welcome. See poster on bulletin board.

St. Claude Knights of Columbus Breakfast Brunch – Sunday, March 11, 2018

Served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Claude Recreation Centre. Pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults: \$10.00; 5 to 12 years - \$5.00
Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

Development and Peace - Building cultural and religious tolerance in Lebanon

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada 5 In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. "At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it." - Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan.

Please help yourself to information material from the table at the back.

Knights of Columbus :

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a « *Building the Domestic Church* » chair couple. Interested couples can contact the Knights of Columbus for more information.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church: Manitou, MB: *Come Follow Me*: Lenten Youth Retreat – Saturday, March 3, 2018

All youth, ages 14-29 years, are invited to a day of Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 3rd from 9 AM - 7 PM at St Patrick's Parish in Manitou, Manitoba. Retreat spiritual director will be Fr. Paulin Akpapupu. Suggested donation: \$15/per person. To register: Roger or Belita, 204-242-3107. [View poster.](#)

Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission 2018: 'Abide with us, Lord Jesus': March Sundays

All are welcome for a time of prayer, music, faith-sharing group, reflection and fellowship during the Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission which will be given on 3 Sundays at **7:30 PM**: **Sunday, March 4th** (*Finding God in Daily Life*) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carman; **Sunday, March 11th** (*The Call to Discipleship and Service of God's Kingdom*) at St. Martin of Tours Parish, Swan Lake;

Sunday, March 18th (*Eucharist and the Church*) at St. John Berchmans Parish, Holland.

Talks will be presented by Fr. Vincent Lusty and Fr. José Montepeque. Free will offering.

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Free, Online, Virtual Lenten Retreat: *Journey Through Lent* - February 14 to April 1, 2018

The Catholic School of Evangelization invites you to their annual Virtual Lenten Retreat from the comfort of your own home! Every day, pray with daily reflections about the day's Mass readings. These quality reflections will be written by various members of our local Church community and are designed to be completed within 10-15 minutes. This is a great opportunity to journey through the holy season of Lent together with hundreds of other persons. To access the retreat: www.cselentenretreat.wordpress.com. Click the "follow" button at the bottom right-hand corner of the page and sign up to get the reflections sent to you daily via your email. For more information: Kevin, kevin@catholicway.net, 204-347-5396.

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018

« *'Here I am!' he answered.* » Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say: "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

February 25th, 2018

The Mystery of God's Son

I have often heard brand-new parents express their feelings as they cradled their newborn child in their arms. It even seemed to rival how they feel for each other. When they tenderly looked at the child born of their love, they were overcome with generosity, gratitude and unconditional devotion. It often happens these new parents then realize how their own parents felt at their birth.



In reading the liturgical texts for this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we cannot help but be taken aback by what God asked of Abraham. After giving him a son and promising his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky, God then asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. What a challenge to Abraham's faith! In the Gospel passage, the scene of the Transfiguration refers to Jesus' death and the announcement of his resurrection. The passage mentions the apostles' lack of comprehension that was only resolved later when they remembered Christ's words. Several years after his conversion, St. Paul proclaimed that Christ, through his Death and Resurrection, was God's complete gift to us. Through Christ, God shared his divine Life, and that nothing on earth would ever separate us from God's love.

Beginning with Isaac, Abraham's promised son, to Christ, the Son of Man and God's Son, we begin to comprehend the mystery of God's relationship with us. This gift of God's Self was possible through his Son, just like a newborn child is the product of parents' love. The Son accepted his mission from his Father and the gift of his Life.

However, *life happens*, and sorrowful events test our faith. We may even feel that God is not listening to us, which we may interpret as absence, perhaps even abandonment, as when Jesus cried out on the cross, or when Abraham, our father in faith, was tested.

The texts that we read this Sunday present the mystery of God's Son in a disconcerting manner. St. John's approach is more comforting: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life* (Jn 3:16).

Yves Guillemette, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli