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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Mar. 3rd - 9:00am – Simone Dheilly (*Funeral collection*)

Sunday, Mar. 10th - 9:00am – Denis Dufault (*Funeral collection*)

Sunday, Mar. 17th - 9:00am – Fernande Robidoux (*Angela Cormier*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Emily Poirier.

God's Share: Feb. 24th - \$110.00 (9) + \$0.00 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$270.00

Church Cleaning: Feb. 16th to March 30th – Annette Bernard & Marilyne Guyot

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>March 3rd</u>	<u>March 10th</u>	<u>March 17th</u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection:	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilly	Michelle Dheilly	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.

Spring Bazaar: Planned for **Sunday April 28th 2019**. Reserve the date and if there are any objections to this date please let us know.

Baptism: The baptisms last Sunday were cancelled and rescheduled for a later time.

Thought of the Week: *Saint Augustine*

If you do not pay attention to the straw in your eye, it will become a beam.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

March 3rd, 2019

Prayer Intention for February 2019

Evangelization – Christian Communities - That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



Let us pray for our Priest Moderator, Father John and for Deacon Peter Le.

Let us pray for ourselves so that we benefit from the graces of Lent.

Readings for Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019



Joel 2.12-18; Psalm 51.1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15 (R.1a+4a)
2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

Readings for Sunday, March 10, 2019

Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Ps. 91.1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (R. see 15b)
Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13

Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council (CPP): Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the sacristy.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be held at 7:30 pm (7:30 pm) on Wednesday, **March 6th** at St-Claude Church. It will be a bilingual mass. Welcome everyone for a good start to Lent 2019. *View list of ministers on the left.*

First of 6 Adult Education Sessions: March 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Why We Worship

Welcome to the St-Claude Church at 7:30 pm on the following dates:

Thursdays: March 7, 14 and 21 and April 4; Mondays March 25 and April 8.

As a Lenten 2019 project, St-Claude Parish will offer six adult faith training sessions. The Parish Council Committee of St. Claude and Haywood encourage everyone to attend. Invite your young families; invite your friends. It will be a catechesis opportunity, a memorable experience that will give us a better understanding of the different parts of the Mass.



In this important series of 6 videos, Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a scriptural tour of topics followed by a group discussion period.

Many Catholics know what to do at Mass, but not *why* we do it. And many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up'--a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

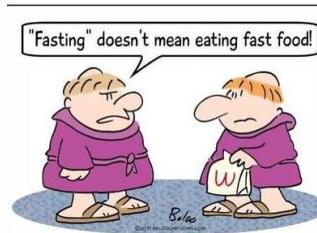
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is “Day of Ashes”, so called because of the practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes in the sign of the cross and with the phrase “Remember that you are dust and unto dust, you shall return”.

It is exactly 40 days before Easter Sunday (excluding Sundays). It will always fall on a Wednesday – there cannot be an Ash Thursday or Ash Sunday. That is why it makes no sense in giving the ashes on a different day.

Ash Wednesday is observed by most Catholics and some Protestant denominations. If for any tangible reason, eg. Health, work, travel, a Catholic couldn't receive ashes on the Wednesday, he / she should simply continue with the Lenten spiritual observance of fasting, praying and almsgiving.

The Ashes that we receive on this day is not a sacrament. It is a symbol of our readings to repent from our sins, believe in the Gospel message, and to prepare ourselves for a holy death. Lent is a time of grace.



To learn more on the Lent rituals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, come and listen to Fr. John's homily on Wednesday, March 6 at the 7:30 p.m. mass!

St. Claude Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST BRUNCH - Sunday, March 10, 2019

Served from 10:30 am to 1 pm at the St-Claude Recreation Centre. Menu: Pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults: \$10.00 5 – 12: \$5.00
Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities. See poster.

“Come and See”: What is it like to study to become a priest? – Saturday, March 9, 2019

“Come and See” is a day for young men to come and see what it is like to study to become a priest and to see what the life of a priest is like. This day is for any young man who has even the faintest sense of an attraction to the priesthood and is meant to be a day to respond to any questions or expectations you may have about the priesthood. Come to see different aspects of seminary life and what it takes to be formed into a shepherd for the Church. Come to support and build fraternity among young men open to God's call. The event will take place at the Archdiocesan Centre, 151 avenue de la Cathédrale, Winnipeg on Saturday, March 9 from 10 AM till 3 PM. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Joshua Gundrum, the Archdiocesan Director at 204-82-4197. Or ststanislaus@mymts.net.

Marriage Tip – March 3, 2019

Do you feel like a hamster racing around a wheel? Are you very busy but never caught up? STOP for one minute. Be silent. Turn off your phone, tv, computer, etc., and turn toward your spouse. Silently thank God for your life companion. He/she is the pathway of your vocation. You will purify each other.

Club Âge D'Or: Various Information Workshops (in English)

“Dealing and Coping with Grief” with Ariane Comte - Thursday, March 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

“Falls Prevention” with Sue McKenzie – Thursday, March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.

“Service Canada” with Angela Hourie – Thursday, March 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

What you say matters

In the sixth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus gives specific instructions to his disciples. Christ used three parables: a blind man who attempts to guide another blind person, a speck and a log in someone's eye and finally a tree and its fruit.

The most intriguing and memorable parable concerns the person who is quick to point out the *speck* in a neighbor's eye, while ignoring the *log* in his or her own eye.

There is a play on words in the original Hebrew with the terms “eye” and “well”. It is perhaps less bizarre to visualize a blade of grass that is floating on top of a well and compare it to a log in similar circumstances.

The choice of the word “eye” makes this passage more striking. How is it possible for someone who is challenged by a “log” in his or her eye even attempts to correct another person? When one blind person leads another, almost inevitably both will stumble. Jesus concludes his teaching with this quotation: *Each tree is known by its own fruit.*

Three brief parables reflect people's experiences. Can one blind person claim to be able to guide another? That would not be safe. Could someone comment on another's behavior without first guaranteeing that his or her own life is without reproach? Quoting from the Gospel ... *Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.*

About 220 years before Christ, the Sage Ben Sirach, son of Sirach, wrote: *The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of a person is in his conversation. Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of his mind. Do not praise anyone before he speaks, for this is the way people are tested (Sirach 27:4-7).*

We think about a certain President's tweets and consider whether this information is reliable or not. What about the promises made by politicians particularly during the time leading up to elections? Quoting again from Sirach: *When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so do a person's faults when he speaks.*

The Scriptures comment on the recurrent themes of truth and lies. We read how Jesus denounced the potentially destructive nature of speech. We acknowledge only too well how it damages peace and harmony in our world.

Christ's words call for caution in the construction of His Kingdom.



Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.

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