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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

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

Sunday, **March 18th - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (August & Thérèse Debusschere)**

Sunday, **March. 25th -9:00 am – Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (Cécile & Albert Furet)**

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Ernest Antoine

God's Share: Mar. 4th - **\$2285.00** (23) + **\$23.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$2328.00**

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>March 11th</u>	<u>March 18th</u>	<u>March 25th</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault
Passion:			Judith & Annette
Offerings & Collection:	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.

Accueil d'Age d'Or – Haywood:

Tuesday March 13 - Noon Meal - \$8.50 for adults. Please give your name(s) to one of your contacts or phone 204-379-2477 before Monday evening. All welcome

Shawls of Compassion : Blessing of the shawls next Sunday, March 18th.

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

March 11th, 2018

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Let us keep a thought in our prayers for : *Léo Bergeron* who passed away Sunday, March 4th at the age of 90 years. Funeral services for the family were held Friday, March 9th at Adams Funeral Home in Notre Dame followed by internment of ashes in our cemetery. Our condolences to his family, as well as to family and friends who are grieving.

Schedule of Holy Week Celebrations for 2018

St-Claude and St-Denis Parishes

Holy Thursday:	March 29th: St-Claude at 7:30 p.m. - Bilingual mass
Holy Friday:	March 30th: St-Claude at 3:00 p.m. - French celebration
Holy Friday:	March 30th: Haywood at 7:30 p.m. – Bilingual Way of the Cross
Easter Vigil:	March 31st: St-Claude at 9:00 p.m. - French mass
Easter Sunday:	April 1st: Haywood at 9:00 a.m. - Bilingual mass
Easter Sunday:	April 1st: St-Claude at 11:00 a.m. - English mass

Celebration of Reconciliation for Easter

<u>Saint-Claude:</u>	Sunday, March 18 th at 2:00 pm
Haywood à St-Claude	Sunday, March 18 th at 2:00 pm



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. Everyone welcome!

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 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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Teaching on Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

All parishioners of St. Claude and St. Denis are invited on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 pm, to a teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation presented by Father Solomon. This is a special event not to be missed to be well prepared for the sacrament of reconciliation that will take place on the following Sunday, March 18th.

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

Throughout Lent 2018, there will be the Way of the Cross at the Church in St. Claude every Friday: March 16 and 23 at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Parish Pastoral Council (CPP) of St-Claude and St-Denis:

We are always looking for new members for the Parish Council of Pastoral. According to diocesan guidelines, members of the CPP have a mandate of three years but can serve two consecutive terms and should change after this time. Many of our members have passed this time. We really need new ideas!! *Meetings are held in French.*

Archdiocese of St. Boniface Chrism Mass – Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, 2018, at the St. Boniface Cathedral

This year, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27th, 7:30 PM at the St. Boniface Cathedral. The Mass will have a particular emphasis on the celebration *CATHOLICA* 200, the bicentenary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in Northern and Western Canada. All the faithful are invited to this diocesan celebration. Following the Chrism Mass, a time of fellowship will take place in the parish hall.

Development and Peace: A school of community leaders in Peru

For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week, March 18, 2018. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

When making your donation, please write your cheque to the **St. Denis Parish** and indicate *Development and Peace* on the memo.

Evening of Humor: “Rendez-vous de la Francophonie” in Saint-Claude. (In French)

The Cultural Committee of Saint-Claude / Haywood, in partnership with the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Association, invites you to its evening of humor (in French) on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm at the Saint-Claude Rec. Centre. Tickets are \$15 and available at Shop Easy and at the door. Children under 13 years enter for free. Popcorn and soft drinks will be offered during the evening. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship Reflection - 4th Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2018

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

Marriage Tip: How are you doing with your Lenten resolutions? Keeping them can be easier if you and your spouse hold each other accountable.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

March 11th, 2018

Songs of Life and Hope

In the 1950's, we rediscovered the musical treasures of our inspirational biblical psalms. While the Jerusalem Bible provided the translations, what was interesting was many famous musicians took these works and produced popular songs and melodies. Psalms are primarily chants and Father Joseph Gelineau was one artist who took Psalm 137 that recounted the trials of the Hebrew people in their time of exile and produced a beautiful and popular song.

I remember the melody and these words accompanied by a zither, an ancient instrument:

*By the rivers of Babylon,
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps.
And our tormentors asked for mirth, saying
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”...*

The Hebrew people refused and protested:
How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Why would we choose this unhappy chant? Why would we want to revisit a time of exile for the Israelites? Their hope of a return to their homeland was kept alive throughout years of exile. In rereading Israel's history, the chronicler, through these meanderings, revealed the Hebrew people's unrelenting faith that God would help them. Though there would still be periods of infidelity to the Covenant, they would eventually progress from shadows to light, from death to life.

This passage refers to the Covenant and we realize that God is always ready for a fresh start. Despite our repeated infidelities – similar to those recorded in the Bible - God wants us to remain strong and free. God is always ready to renew the Covenant.

We interpret St. John's Gospel as an invitation to continue our way toward the cross. Just as Christ was lifted up on the *cross* and as Moses lifted up the *bronze serpent* in the desert, these two symbols are signs of hope. They are also paradoxical images: what caused death becomes what saves us. In the desert, the serpent brought death to those who were bitten and yet when Moses raised it up, those who looked at it were cured. What had initially brought death became a sign of life.

St. John wrote this passage with the experience of a believer, with the eyes of one who for almost sixty years had meditated on Christ's passion in the light of the Resurrection. The parallels and perspectives are obvious and striking:

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life (Jn 3:14-15). For God so loved the world that the cross became the sign of life.

Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.
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