



## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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### Our Mission Statement:

**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Fernande Robidoux (*Pierre & Angela Cormier*)

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Léo Bergeron (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 am – Denis Dufault (*Madeleine Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Marcel & Dorothee Dequier

God's Share: April 1<sup>st</sup> - **\$370.00** (20) + **\$61.60** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$451.60**

Church Cleaning: April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> – Michelle & Lucille Dheilley

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>April 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dheilley family	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet
Communion:	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.

### Haywood Community Spring Bazaar – Sunday, April 22, 2018

Pancake breakfast beginning at 10:15 a.m., bingo, silent auction, bake sale and plant sale. Adults: \$8.00; 6-12 years - \$4.00; 5 years and under – free. Proceeds shared between St. Denis Church and the Haywood Community Hall. Raffle tickets are now on sale.

**Accueil d'Âge d'Or Haywood: Easter meal – Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon** – Turkey, stuffing, meat pie, etc. Please give your name to one of your contacts or phone 204-379-2477 before Monday evening. \$8.50 for adults. Everyone welcome.

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

*Second Sunday of Easter (B)*

*April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for April 2018

*Universal:* That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

### Welcome, Father John Tê Nguyen

We welcome Father John whom Bishop Le Gatt has appointed priest moderator for St-Claude and St-Denis for the next three months.

### News from Father Solomon (*translated message*)

"Good day!

Just to give you some news. I arrived in Ghana on Wednesday morning at 11:45 a.m. It was a long and tiring trip. My supervisor sent someone to pick me up at the airport in Accra, our capital. For the moment I am staying with him shortly before going to rest with my family which is more than 400 km from here.

Give my friendship to all the parishioners of St. Claude and St. Denis. I hold you all in my heart. For me, I learned a lot for my life during my brief stay in St -Claude. I pray God that the new priest comes from Africa to continue the work. May God watch over each one of you and give you His peace. *Our God never changes. How great He is!*

Peace and Joy to you.

*Father Solomon ARTHUR, SMA "*

### Feast of Divine Mercy: Divine Mercy Sunday - April 8, 2018

What is the Feast of Divine Mercy? The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II officially instituted the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 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 PPC 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.*

Following the Sunday mass of April 15, Mrs. Simone Lambert, president of the PPC, will present the report of the committee for 2017.

### Marriage Tip

The spring wedding season is almost here. Do you know someone who's getting married soon? Send a quick note or e-mail assuring them of your prayers.

## Community Events :

### **Knights of Columbus 10<sup>th</sup> annual Pickerel Fish Fry Banquet - Friday, April 20, 2018**

Served from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm at the St-Claude Community Hall

Adults: \$15.00 ; 5 to 12 years: \$7.00. Tickets on sale at the two grocery stores in St-Claude or at the door. All profits to go to the St. Claude Parish.

**Donated home baked desserts appreciated.**

### **Great Movie to see at Club Âge d'Or – Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Come and see the movie of the life of **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** at the Club on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Lunch available. Everyone welcome.

### **Mother's Day Brunch – Sunday, May 13, 2018**

Reserve the date for the annual Mother's Day Brunch at the St. Claude Community Center served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults - \$13.50; 5 to 10 years - \$7.50; 4 years and under – free. Silent auction prizes. All proceeds for the funding of a new St. Claude Regional Archives building.

## **Other Diocesan Events:**

### **Caritas Award Dinner – Thursday, April 19, 2018**

The Caritas Award Dinner, honouring the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba (CHAM), will be held on Thursday, April 19 at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Christina Puchalski; the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Service Award will be given to André Blondeau; the Charity of Choice is Holy Names House of Peace.

Tickets: \$110/person. All seating will be pre-assigned. Tickets will not be sold at the door. To purchase tickets: [www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca](http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca) or 204-233-4268.

### **Précieux-Sang Parish: Gospel Concert – Friday, April 20, 2018**

The Gospel Concert with Father Armand Legal and Jeannine Guyot will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Précieux-Sang Church, 200 Kenny St., Winnipeg. Cost: \$20/adult. Refreshments to follow at Précieux-Sang Community Centre. Tickets available at the parish office, 204-233-2874 or at the door on concert night. [View poster.](#)

## **Stewardship Reflection**

### **2nd Sunday of Easter - April 8, 2018**

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."* Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

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# Visible Faith



"Maybe God exists, but I don't believe in much else."  
A young lady recently confided her indifference. We often hear statements like this from our colleagues as our society becomes more indifferent to any religious dimension.

And even if we are believers, we often find it difficult to recognize God's actions in our lives, to understand God's pathways, as we carry heavy crosses on our shoulders and in our hearts.

In this context, we can relate to St. Thomas, the apostle who was absent on Easter evening. Unlike the other apostles, he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was a realist and mistrusted their claims. He wanted to see Christ with his own eyes.

Eight days later, Jesus appeared again to his apostles and this time, Thomas was with them. Jesus approached his incredulous disciple and spoke to him. Immediately Thomas believed. He threw himself at Christ's feet and uttered this remarkable profession of faith: *My Lord and my God*. He even forgot to put his hand in Christ's side.

Like Thomas, we have our doubts. We also want to be "hands-on" when it concerns our beliefs. But we are in a special time of faith. As believers, we welcome the Word of God that comes to us from his witnesses, through the voice of his Church.

Christians do not view faith as an abstract notion or an intellectual theory. It is first and foremost a total commitment of our entire being, heart and spirit, to the person of Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead for our salvation.

This attachment to Christ, who brings peace and joy, is facilitated through the Church. In addition, the strength of witnessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives promotes our encounter with the living God. The Christian community, the Word of God and the sacraments are privileged signs that foster the growth of faith.

St John the Evangelist records one beatitude: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.*

Blessed are we if we have faith: it is our pathway to our Lord and God.

**Gilles Leblanc**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli