



ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

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

Sunday, April 29th - 9:00 am – Simone Dheilily (*funeral collection*)

Sunday, May 6th - 9:00 am – Angèle Rouire (*Maurice & family*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Lawrence and Joan Allen

God's Share: April 15th - \$275.00 (21) + \$22.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$317.00

Church Cleaning: April 1st to May 15th – Michelle & Lucille Dheilily

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>April 22nd</u>	<u>April 29th</u>	<u>May 6th</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Janice Souque	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection:	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Jean Souque family	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Michelle Dheilily	Yvonne Bazin
Counters:	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.

ACCUEIL D'AGE D'OR – HAYWOOD

Annual Meeting Wednesday April 25 at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join us in helping prepare a meal once a month. If interested please contact Cheryl Patchett, Bonnie Souque, Dorothée Dequier or Therese Debusschere.

Lawn maintenance: We are in search of someone to cut the grass in the cemetery and church yard this summer. If you are available, please see one of the trustees.

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

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

Pancake breakfast beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Bingo starting at noon.

Silent auction, raffle tickets, bake sale and plant sale.

Adults: \$8.00; 6-12 years - \$4.00; 5 years and under – free.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

April 22nd, 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.

Month of May – Month of the Virgin Mary : Wednesdays of May 2018

All parishioners are invited to the bilingual recitation of the rosary every Wednesday in May : May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Holy Water:

We Catholics know of times when we use holy water as a protection. To name a few: protection from storms, protecting our homes, cars, crops, etc. Make a research for other examples!

The water that was blessed during the Easter mass is in a container in the sanctuary. Do not hesitate to take some home.

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.

Marriage Tip

In conversation, what's the difference between being quiet and listening? Listening takes effort to really understand your beloved. Being quiet may just mean you're waiting for a pause to get your own thoughts in.

Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will hear my voice." John10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

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.* Members of the CPP are as follows: Simone Lambert, Lynne Lesage, Gisèle Jobin, Nicole Dion, Louise Lambert, Claudette Philippe or Denise at the parish office.

2017 Activities of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The members of the PPC meet once a month in the church sacristy. We also participate in the regional and diocesan meetings. Our meetings are conducted in French.

- We participated in a session on communication given by the diocesan committee in Somerset.
- A web site for Haywood was established and we are searching for someone to do the same for St. Claude.
- The Sacrament of the sick is offered twice a year for the residents of the Pavilion.
- We continue to pray the parish renewal prayer during weekend Masses. It is also published in every Gazette.
- We lead the rosary once a week during the month of May.
- We have initiated the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament for one hour following Mass at the Manor on the first Thursday of every month.
- We attended a workshop in St. Claude on liturgy given by the diocesan team responsible for this ministry.
- There are now gluten-free hosts available in St. Claude.
- A small delegation went to the airport to welcome Father Solomon Arthur when he arrived.
- We have offered coffee and snacks after Sunday Mass on special occasions.
- We support the Catechism program and the preparation for the sacraments.
- We met with Msgr. LeGatt during his pastoral visit.
- In collaboration with the Knights of Columbus we collected for the Christmas hampers.
- We have done the parish evaluation for 2016-17.
- We are still looking for new members to join our team.

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Both Shepherds and Sheep

Christ said: *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* At first, Jesus' comment seems somewhat exaggerated. Who would give up his life for his sheep? This statement is clarified when we refer to the Old Testament. In fact, the image of the shepherd is often used in reference to a king or leader of the Jewish people. God chose them to take care of, guide and nourish his people. When we listen to Jesus' words that denounced the merchants who were only concerned about their own interests and not of their lambs, Christ's listeners could read between

the lines. In fact, Jesus was inspired by Ezekiel's words that sharply denounced unworthy shepherds. Here is a text from Chapter 34 of the Book of Ezekiel:

Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds and I will demand my sheep at their hand. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 34: 1, 4-5, 10-11, 15).

Jesus was in the Temple, in the presence of the Pharisees, when he declared he was the *Good Shepherd*. The Pharisees knew the Scriptures and understood the significance of Christ's words and the reference to them as unworthy shepherds [Book of Ezekiel]. They were the shepherds who "used" their sheep instead of "serving" them. These unworthy shepherds only thought of their prestige and power. These same shepherds would enforce the law but considered themselves exempt. Christ said: *They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them* (Matthew 23:4).

In Christ's eyes, being a good shepherd required a profound relationship between the shepherd and those in his charge. The shepherd must be close to his sheep, love them, and know them intimately. This is what Pope Francis asked priests throughout the world to do when he said to them: *Be shepherds who have the odor of their flock.* (Sermon Christmas Mass 2013) In other words, it is striking to see that Jesus' first "pastoral act" was not to perform miracles or preach. It was to "be with" his flock: to "be with" the rich and poor, with sinners and the just, with the uneducated and the educated. The temptation of pastors – deacons, priests or bishops – will always be to isolate themselves far from their sheep whether in a presbytery, bishopric, or even behind a desk. *Being with* involves risks. We would not necessarily be in control and could face our own limitations. Yet at the same time, it is the most challenging of risks. It is the greatest risk of our lives and our community as we forge relationships that are true and profound.

Georges Madore, s.m.m

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli