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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Oct. 11th - 9:00 am – In Thanksgiving (all parishioners)

Friday, Oct. 16th – 9:00 am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 am – Paul Dedieu (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, Oct. 18th - 9:00 am – Matt Tkachyk (Eugene & Yvonne Bazin)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **In Thanksgiving**

God's Share: Oct. 4th - \$395.00 (17) + \$10.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$440.00**

<u>Ministries.</u>	<u>October 11th</u>	<u>October 18th</u>	<u>October 25th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Simone Lambert	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Dorothee & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.

Bazar: Due to restrictions remaining in effect, we are forced to cancel the bazar for this year as well as the fall concert. We will however have the draw of the **raffle on October 30th**. Tickets can still be sold and as many as we can to cover the prizes awarded. Make sure all ticket stubs are returned before that date along with the money collected. If you need more tickets please see Dorothee.

NOTICE : Please read the attached appeal for donations and/or the envelope picked up at the church entrance and let your hearts be moved and guided to donate what is right and just in the eyes of our Lord. God repays a hundredfold in blessings and graces.

Readings for Sunday: October 11, 2020

Isaiah 45, 1.4-6; Ps 95 (96), 1.3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10ac; 1 Thessalonians 1, 1-5b; Matthew 22, 15-21

October 11, 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayer Intention for October, 2020

Let us pray that by virtue of baptism, the lay faithful, especially women, will participate more in the responsible instances of the Church.

Let us pray for our families.

Let us pray for our pastor, Fr. Peter.

Let us pray for all the members of our parishes who are sick and for our deceased faithful.

Parish News:

The month of October- the month of Holy Rosary. Father Peter encourages you to increase your devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary by reciting the Holy Rosary daily. You can pray personally or gather to pray the chaplet together in your family. Let us pray for our families, the elderly, the sick in our parish, especially for the conversion of hearts of all sinners!

Meeting of the Knights of Columbus: Wednesday, October 14 at 8 pm in the sacristy.

Mass of Thursday, October 15: The weekday 9:00 am Mass of Thursday will be cancelled in St. Claude. The Funeral Mass for Mr. Robert Chapellaz will be celebrated in St-Claude at 2:00 pm with the memorial service at 1:30 pm. Our sympathy to the family and friends of the Chapellaz family.

Confessions and Preparation for First Communion: Friday, October 16 at 7:30 pm. First Communion will be celebrated at the Saturday evening mass on October 17. Congratulations to seven children from our parish. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Many Thanks: to the parishioners who have contributed food for the decoration of the church for Thanksgiving. Thank you also to those who have helped to decorate.

St-Claude Parish Office:

The new hours for the parish office will now be on **Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

Weekday Mass:

In St. Claude: at 9 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) * Thursday afternoon: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 3PM to 4PM.

In St. Denis: Friday morning, 9AM – 10AM: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession; 10 AM: Holy Mass

Saturday Evening: 7:30PM Holy Rosary; 8 PM: Mass in English in St. Claude Church.

Sunday Mass:

+ **In St. Denis:** at 9:00 Am: Bilingual Mass in the church.

+ **In St. Claude:** at 11:00 Am: Mass in French in the church.

Archdiocesan News:

The Good Shepherd Campaign 2020

This week, Archbishop LeGatt is launching the **2020 Good Shepherd Campaign, *United Now More Than Ever in Christ***, with the goal of raising \$275,000 in support of the formation of our seminarians and to help counter the enormous impact of the pandemic on the Archdiocese and its parishes.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing information and testimonies with you through your parish and on the [Archdiocesan website](#) and [Facebook page](#). You will notice that this year's campaign will primarily take place online to adapt to the new reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow us to be the best possible stewards of our resources.

We invite you to read the [Meet Our Seminarians](#) banner which introduces our seminarians and includes a word from Fr. Joshua Gundrum, our Archdiocesan Director of Vocations to the Priesthood, on what it means to discern a call to the priesthood. We also invite you to watch the videos featuring our most recently ordained priests, Frs. Brian Trueman ([click here](#)) and Jean-Baptiste Nguyen ([click here](#)), on what it means for them to be a priest.

The special collection will be held on October 31 & November 1. Please be generous in helping the Archdiocese reach its goal!

And most importantly, we invite you to pray for our seminarians as they continue to discern God's will in their lives as they journey toward the priesthood.

Parish News:

Saturday evening mass time:

- **Mass in winter: As of the first weekend of November, the time for Saturday mass will be at 5 p.m. and the rosary at 4.30 p.m.**
- **Mass in summer: As of the first weekend of April, the time for Saturday mass will be at 8 p.m. and the rosary at 7:30 p.m.**

The Masses for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Thanksgiving Sunday, will be broadcast live on our parish Facebook page. Bilingual Mass at 9 a.m. in Haywood and Mass in French at 11 a.m. in Saint-Claude.

Fr. Peter's message:

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! I would like to take this opportunity to first give thanks to the Lord for all blessings He has bestowed on us. A sincere thanks to you all, my dear parishioners, for your support and your contribution to our parishes of St. Denis and St. Claude. May the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly for what you have done for our parishes, also YOUR parish!

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Magnificent Wedding, Appropriate Attire!



Before commenting on this Sunday's Gospel, let's remember why St. Matthew and the other Evangelists wrote their Gospels. They didn't work for widely circulated newspapers or media channels! They remembered and recorded Christ's acts and words for their Christian communities.

A parable and a message ...

We are accustomed to the format Jesus used in his parables: a simple story and message with a thoughtful summary at the conclusion. In this parable, the message is clear. The Jewish people are invited to attend the *wedding* between God and his people. The prophets Hosea, Isaiah and Ezekiel had already compared God's relationship with his people to a marriage. However, now Jesus' compatriots refuse to attend and celebrate this wedding. Then God sends his missionaries around the world to invite everyone, including Gentiles, to attend the ceremony and be part of this joyful celebration.

However, this *parable* is complicated and becomes an *allegory*. The story progresses, and as details and situations are included, we arrive at the teachable moment.

A quick reading of the text leads to inconsistencies. For example, though the meal is ready and the roast veal is on the table, the king assembles his troops, goes to war and sets fire to a city. Why even mention the meal? Yet, these details are included in St. Matthew's Gospel. They refer to the destruction and burning of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Upon reflection, readers learn why God *abandoned* his chosen people who had already given up on him and reached out to others

Choosing Christ ...

Now the king suddenly decides to invite everyone to his son's wedding and a crowd of people fill the wedding hall. No wonder some of them didn't have time to put on their wedding attire. So why then does the king blame one of them for not wearing "a wedding garment"? Why does he throw him out after inviting him?

In the ancient world, wearing specific attire identified a person's station in life. Military dress expressed a soldier's commitment to the service of the emperor. The Pharisees wore large fringes on their prayer shawls to show they followed the Law of Moses. Thus, a Christian would wear a "garment" to indicate his / her faithfulness to a relationship with God. However, that *garment* was not made of wool or cotton, but of adherence to the teachings and actions that Christ demonstrated throughout his life:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (Col 3:12)

Georges Madore, s.m.m. / Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli