

ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 17th - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (*Dorothee & Marcel Dequier*)

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 9:00 am – Nathalie Bernard (*Cécile & Albert Furet*)

Christmas Dec. 24th - 8:00 pm – For all the deceased members of our parish.

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Marcel & Michelle Dheilily.

God's Share : Dec. 10th - \$360.00 (23) + \$44.65 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$424.65

Church Cleaning : Nov. 16th to Dec. 30th – General cleaning for Christmas.

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 17th</u>	<u>December 24th</u>	<u>Christmas Dec. 24th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection:	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family	Marcel Dheilily family
Communion:	Michelle Dheilily	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Margaret & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

New St. Denis Parish Web Site : We are proud to introduce our new Parish Web Site which was launched on Monday, December 4th. On it you will find mass times, the weekly bulletins, our parish vision, our mission, our history, contact information, upcoming events, and a photo gallery. You can access it by going to www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca. Check it out.
Big Thank you to Rachel Massinon, our administrator. Splendid work.

Thanks for the manger scenes: Big THANK YOU to Yvonne Dequier & Maurice Rouire for their devotion in creating those lovely manger scenes, both inside and outside and year after year. It is very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Let us pray for all the sick and the deceased of our community!

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

December 17th, 2017



The Candles of Advent:

This week we light a third candle, the pink one.

It testifies to the covenant with God.

MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2017

FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Please note some changes!

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, December 25th at **10:00** a.m. in St-Claude: **French** celebration.

New Year's Day Masses: Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude: English celebration.

Monday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. in St-Claude: French celebration.

*Let us take the time to come and pray with our parish community
for Christmas and New Year's Day.*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December 2017

Universal: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

2017 Good Shepherd Campaign:

Thank you to all those who have already donated to the Good Shepherd Campaign. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider making it today. There are envelopes available on the back tables.

Please mail your donation directly to the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** in the envelope included with the pledge form as we have already remitted last weeks donations.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and clergy.

Donations to the Needy:

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, we are collecting toques, mittens, scarves, socks or coats for all ages. In addition, we accept articles such as toothbrushes, pencils, crayons, combs, hair pins, bars of soap, and small toys. These items will be distributed to people in the region who are in need. Please drop them off at the church in Saint-Claude or Saint-Denis. Thank you on behalf of Jacqueline and Yvonne.

Collection envelopes for 2018:

Collection envelopes are now ready for pick-up from the table at the back of the church.

Donations to the parish:

You can get a receipt for income tax purposes for your donations to the parish.

Please make sure to make your donations **prior to December 30th, 2017** if you wish to have a receipt for the year 2017.

Please specify on your check or envelope if you are donating towards the parish, flowers, Shawls of Compassion, Cemetery, or other of your choice.

Marriage Tip

Sit down with your spouse and look at some of your favorite photos from the past year. What were the hard times you weathered together? Was there an unexpected blessing? Give thanks for your life and love together.

'Created for Connection'- A Guided Retreat for Christian Couples:

February 9-11, 2018

Are you looking to enrich, reenergize or heal your marriage? An outstanding guided retreat for Christian couples, offered by the Service of Marriage, Family and Life, Archdiocese of St. Boniface, will take place just before Valentine's Day next year! Couples will be invited to deepen their connection and create a more secure love relationship, by exploring 7 conversations for lasting love. The retreat is based on the life-giving and highly effective method for helping couples: emotionally focused therapy. Retreat location: St. Benedict's Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave, West Saint Paul, MB. Cost: \$395/couple; \$350 early bird registration before 01/01/18. For more information: www.archsaintboniface.ca . For any questions: Sophie Freynet-Agossa, mfl@archsaintboniface.ca , 204-594-0274.

View poster.

Stewardship Reflection 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

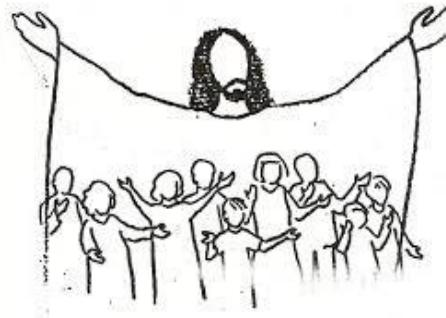
*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*

1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

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Joy...

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord... proclaims the Prophet Isaiah. Mary sings: *My soul shall exult in my God.* St. Paul invites the members of the community in Thessalonica to: *rejoice always* and to keep this as their most natural mind-set.

But are we always joyful, as St. Paul suggested? It doesn't seem so. In addition it could be interpreted as *my* immense naivety when I to dare to speak of joy and call others to joy, as if believers were people who moved forward with their eyes closed.

But isn't joy a feeling diffused with happiness which, at certain moments, illuminates our lives and fills our hearts? Is it not something that enables us to cast a serene and peaceful glance on people who surround us? We easily connect with Pope Francis' joy which he demonstrates so readily with his welcoming smile.

In the midst of our celebrations, the Lord shares so much with us. Today, God is telling us that a believer's focus, without ignoring the worries of the world, is to recognize God's joy. This passage refers to the arrival of the Child Jesus in the lives of the Jews of Palestine some 2000 years ago, and to his cousin, John, who baptized on the banks of the Jordan River.

Questions about his mission were directed to John the Baptist from all quarters: *Who are you, if you are not the Messiah, or the reincarnation of Elijah, or of Moses? Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?*

You could also ask me the same questions. Who am *I* to speak to *you* of joy when insecurity insidiously infects our planet and impoverishment of the most vulnerable increases on a daily basis?

In another era, St. John the Baptist responded: *Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal...*

*Among you stands one...*the response that I will make is the same: I confirm my faith in the living Christ; I reaffirm his presence and mercy; I share the hope that lives in me and enables me to believe that our world can't be compared to a locomotive restricted to riding on two rails. Since the first Christmas, an immense hope became available to be shared with our world.

Following the example set by Isaiah, Mary and Paul, it's our turn to be witnesses of this contagious joy.

Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli