

### ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

#### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Thanksgiving (Thérèse & August Debusschere)

Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Special intentions of a parishioner.

Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 am - Father Célestin Malengu Mubaya (Helen Poirier)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: August & Thérèse Debusschere.

<u>God's Share:</u> Sept.  $30^{th}$  - \$310.00 (18) + \$33.75 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$363.75

Collection for Church of Canada: Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - \$112.00 (11)

Church Cleaning: Oct. 1st to Nov. 15th - Denise & Margaret deRocquigny

October 7<sup>th</sup> October 14<sup>th</sup> October 21st Ministries: Readers: Janice Souque Annette Bernard Lucille Dheilly Offerings & Jean Souque Marcel Dheilly Raymond Massinon Collection: family family family Communion: Yvonne Bazin Michelle Dheilly Lucille Dheilly Counters: Eugene & prtnr. Jean & prtnr. Raymond & prtnr.

**Accueil d'Âge d'Or - Haywood : Noon meal Tuesday October 9**, please give your name(s) to one of your contacts or phone 204-379-2477 before Monday evening. \$8.50 for adults - all welcome.

Concert with Father Armand Le Gal and Jeannine Guyot Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm in our church. Coffee, juice and dainties at the hall after the concert. Free-will offering, let's be generous. Come listen to some good music and support your community. Profits will be shared between St. Denis Parish and Haywood Community Hall.

We are asking for dainties and also help in serving.

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

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of October, 2018

Evangelization: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**Let us also pray for Deacon Peter Van Le Ngu**, so that the Lord may grant His graces upon him throughout his year of study for the priesthood.

#### Readings for Sunday, October 14, 2018



Wisdom 7.7-11; Psalm 90.12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (R.14)

Hebrews 4.12-13; Mark 10.17-30

Monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus - <u>Change of date:</u> <u>Tuesday, October 9, 2018</u> at 8:00 p.m. in the sacristy in St. Claude.

# October – Month of the Rosary Prayer Request of the Pope – Special October Campaign

Pope Francis has asked his Worldwide Prayer Network to help all the faithful pray more intensely this month of October. During these last years and months, we in the Church have lived through difficult situations, among these abuses of sex, power and conscience on the part of clerics, consecrated persons and lay people. Added to these are internal divisions in the Church. During this month of October, the Holy Father asks us and all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis.



Notre-Dame-De-Lourdes Parish: Wine & Cheese Evening - Saturday, October 13, 2018

All are welcome to a fundraising *Wine & Cheese Evening*, Saturday, October 13; 7 PM – 12 AM at Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Parish. Tickets: \$40/adult; \$20/youth 17 years of age and under. For more information: Fr. Alain Guenou, alainguenou2008@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Event: Mass for Widows and Widowers – Sunday, October 14, 2018 When someone you love dies, no words can describe your loss and your journey of grief. A Mass for widows and widowers will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 3 PM, St. Boniface Cathedral, Winnipeg. Archbishop LeGatt will preside and offer a special blessing for this stage of life. A reception will follow. Family and friends are welcome to attend this mass of consolation and healing. No registration is required. For more information: 204-918-9431, <a href="mailto:vygab@mymts.net">vygab@mymts.net</a>; <a href="www.archsaintboniface.ca">www.archsaintboniface.ca</a>. <a href="www.view.archsaintboniface.ca">View poster</a>.

Les Familles de Saint-Claude Families 1892 – 2016 - Book Launch/Wine & Cheese At the St. Claude Community Centre on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Pick up prepaid books! Books for sale! Everyone Welcome. Free Admission

**Marriage Tip:** Let today be a "Change It Up" day. Marriages can get stale because they get into ruts. Commit to change something today together. It could be simple, like the food you eat, or more challenging, like a bad habit.

#### **Vendor Trade Show – Sunday, October 21, 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Vendor Trade Show at the St. Claude Rec. Center, on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch available. <u>Free admission</u>. For information: St Claude Library at 204-379-2524 or Teresa Massinon at 204-379-2772.

#### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, October 28, 2018

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years or more)? Sign up to take part in the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration. The Mass will be held on Sunday, October 28th at 3 PM, Saint Boniface Cathedral. Couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception will follow, and couples are invited to have their picture taken with the Archbishop. All participating couples receive a certificate of recognition. Please note that registrations need to be received by October 19th. Forms available on back tables.

#### Stewardship Reflection - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 7, 2018

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature that was its name." Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

#### Share the Journey - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's New Campaign

Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety. Rehana and her family had to find refuge in Bangladesh. "The army opened fire on our village. Our children were terrified. Each day, they asked if we would be attacked, tortured, or burned by the army," she told us.

It is in solidarity with the 68.5 million displaced children, women, and men throughout the world that we invite you to embark, as of this fall, on a journey of faith, love, and hope. Together, we plan to walk 40,075 km, the equivalent of the Earth's circumference. Stay tuned for marches organized at your parish or school.

Participate in the D & P Share the Journey campaign to learn more about the causes of forced migration and show your solidarity with those forced to flee their homes. For more information: Janelle Delorme, <u>jdelorme@devp.org</u>, 204-231-2848, or https://www.devp.org/en/education/fall201.



Let us remember to GIVE THANKS before asking for ourselves. Thank you, Lord, for everything that I have! 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018



# Idealists and Realists

It would be futile to deny the reality that more than twothirds of marriages fail. We can attempt to understand this fact, become critical of societal values, or simply remember vows that were made. Several questions arise. Is Christian marriage an ideal reserved for the elite? Is fidelity only a dream? How should we deal with failures?

At the beginning of our world, God's project was very simple. In order that the first human being was not alone, Genesis records: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner" (Gen 2:18). That was the ideal.

However, reality caught up with the ideal. Even in Jesus' era, Israel's legislation dealt with divorces and repudiations, but it was not unanimous. In Jewish circles, the legitimacy of divorce was questioned, though there were two schools of thought.

While Christ was asked his opinion on this debate, his perspective focused on the extraordinary destiny of the human person: to love and to be loved by the other. This beautiful dream of fidelity and love resembled God's. While these thoughts may be perceived as old-fashioned, the ideal still remains. Love was God's creative force from the beginning of our world and the dream of those who followed Him.

Having said that, the temptation exists to turn a blind eye to reality or come up with theoretical answers that rarely satisfy. We are dealing with more than legal questions or judgments. Jesus recognized this and his responses had the Pharisees consider other perspectives. These are echoed by Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*. The Pope acknowledges the ideal and God's dream. He knows the reality of happy couples who experience the grace of fidelity. He has also encountered those who have known failure or who are living courageous lives under difficult circumstances. The Pope is aware that many children are born outside of marriage and may grow up with one parent or in a larger or blended family context.

It should not be surprising then, that with audacity and awareness of confronting an official position, the Pope's words are open, welcoming and compassionate to those who struggle to live up to the ideal. This struggle may not have been of their doing, as *life* often intrudes. Why would we condemn our brothers and sisters to a life of exclusion? Christ invites us to consider God's original plan for a couple. There are many situation facing couples and our Church, like Christ, aspires to be welcoming and fraternal.

Jacques Houle, c.s.v.
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