

# ST. DENIS Parish

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#### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am - Fernande Robidoux (Angela Cormier)

Sunday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Madeleine Lachapelle (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am - Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (Cécile & Albert Furet)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: August & Thérèse Debusschere.

God's Share: Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - \$160.00 (13) + \$2.65 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$182.65

Church Cleaning: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> – Annette Bernard & Marilyne Guyot

<u> Ministries :</u>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>™</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard
Offerings &	Marcel Dequier	Gérald Poirier &	Marcel Dheilly
Collection:	family	Guy Dedieu	family
Communion:	Michelle Dheilly	Lucille Dheilly	Yvonne Bazin
Counters:	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prinr.	Raymond & prtnr.

**Spring Bazaar: Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**. Please see the ladies in the back for your raffle tickets.

**Baptism:** This afternoon at 2:00 pm, **Ashlyn Rachel Cécile Massinon**, daughter of Raynald Massinon and Joanne Jacques, and **Danika Patrick Massinon**, daughter of Patrick Massinon and Sonya Richards, will become children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Let us pray for these children, their parents and godparents.

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#### **Prayer Intention for February 2019**

**Evangelization – Christian Communities** - That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Let us pray for our Priest Moderator, Father John and for Deacon Peter Le.

Let us pray for ourselves so that we benefit from the graces of Lent.

Transform us Lord. Transfigure us, Lord. You want the spiritual to be real in our lives. You knock on the door of our hearts. Help us to let you in. Help us to fight for the reign of the spiritual, the mystical. Help us to be vehicles of your presence.



#### Readings for Sunday, March 24, 2019



Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11 (R.8a); 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12; Luke 13.1-9

#### Saturday Evening Mass in St. Claude Change of Time : Saturday, April 6, 2019

As of <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 6</u>, <u>2019</u>, the English evening Mass will be held at <u>8:00 pm</u>. Thank you to the parishioners who shared their thoughts on winter time. The question will be reviewed in the fall.

#### Third of 6 Adult Education Sessions: March 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Why We Worship

Welcome to the St-Claude Church at 7:30 pm on the following dates: Thursdays: March 21 and April 4; Mondays March 25 and April 8.

Many Catholics know what to do at Mass, but not *why* we do it. And many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up'--a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

#### **Ministries during Masses:**

Thanking our current volunteers, we are still launching the invitation to other parishioners who could be added to the list of servants, readers, communion, offerings, collections. Let's be generous with the participation at the Mass. You can add your name to the list in the back.

#### Stewardship Reflection: March 17, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

St. Patrick is said to have used a shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Your marriage, too, is an image of the Trinity! Your love shows God's love to the world.

**Thought of the Day:** To listen in the Bible is to welcome one's whole being; it is welcoming with the intention of putting into practice what is being listened to. *Jean-Yves Garneau* 

#### Development and Peace: Share Lent 2019 - Share the Journey

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> symbol: A backpack

This backpack symbolizes the precarious situation of forced migrants. When they flee their homes, they must leave everything behind. Stripped of their belongings and their dignity, they leave in search of a safe place to live.

On October 30, 1990, the Nigerian police force sent members of its elite combat unit to the community of Umuechem. The community was demonstrating peacefully to claim its share of the profits generated by Shell after 30 years of oil exploitation on their lands. More than 300 people from the community were killed in two days and their houses were set on fire. Following these traumatic events, almost all survivors fled to neighbouring villages. In 2014, the community of Umuechem and Social Action, a Development and Peace partner in Nigeria, decided to seek reparations by taking Shell to court in the Netherlands to fight against impunity.

#### Listening to the Gospel as a Family

The theme for 2019's National Week for Life and the Family is **Listening to the Gospel as a Family**. To prepare, our three Catholic Archbishops in southern Manitoba invite families to grow in faith by reading the Gospel together as a family. *A wonderful goal, but how?* They propose Lectio Divina, an ancient method of prayer with Scriptures, sharing its impact with family members, and contemplating God's goodness in our lives. Visit <u>lifeandthefamily.com</u> to view a video where Archbishop Albert LeGatt of Saint-Boniface explains how Lectio Divina works.

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#### Club Âge D'Or: Various Information Workshops (in English)

Thursday, March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. - "Falls Prevention" with Sue McKenzie

Thursday, March 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. - "Service Canada" with Angela Hourie

Thursday, March 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. - "Sessions de Yoga" with Stacy O'Connor – bring your mat or carpet.

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# Are we listening?



During the Lenten season each Sunday reminds us of our covenant with God and the reconciliation that is offered to us. These revelations are presented through events in Christ's life. Today the Transfiguration cap-tures our attention. We are privileged, as were Peter, James and John, to contemplate His glory as God's Son.

Reflecting on this wonderful Gospel, we read God the Father's words to the disciples to listen to his beloved Son. When we listen to Jesus, God's Son, we have a relationship with God the Father who has an individual project of salvation for each of us.

Yet people find it difficult to listen these days. Though we may have conversations with many people and furnish our homes with the latest sound systems, are we really improving the quality of our *listening*? We hear a lot of background noise, but it's rare that we really *listen* to someone. There are media preachers who *proclaim* with loud voices, but do their words resonate with us?

During this Lenten season, there is one important question to address. How do we, as individuals, *listen* to God's Son? While the Lord challenges us in many ways, when we hear God's Word proclaimed, the Lord is speaking to us. When wicked women and men stand in our way, the Lord supports us. When we take a few moments to gather in silence, the Lord manifests His Spirit of love that dwells within us.

Our *listening* to the Lord's Word must also extend to and include *listening* to our sisters and brothers, and especially those who are close to us: our spouses, children, companions, colleagues at work, our neighbors ... How do we score on this *listening* scale?

Listening to Christ involves following Him as modern-day disciples and contributing to His work on earth. When we profess to follow His example, are we willing to devote our lives to build a world of brotherhood, peace and freedom? Christ asks nothing less of His disciples than to give their best. Are we always ready to *listen* to and heed his words?

Gilles Leblanc

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