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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Feb. 17th - 9:00am – Jean deRocquigny (Margaret & family)

Sunday, Feb. 24th - 9:00am – Rose Chapman (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, Mar. 3rd - 9:00am – Simone Dheilley (Funeral collection)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Eugene & Yvonne Bazin.

God's Share: Feb. 10th - \$170.00 (14) + \$0.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$190.00

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 17th</u>	<u>February 24th</u>	<u>March 3rd</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilley
Offerings & Collection:	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilley family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Yvonne Bazin	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilley
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.

Readings for Sunday, February 24th, 2019

 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25 ++; Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)
1 Corinthians 15.45-49; Luke 6.17, 27-38

Thought of the Week:

Receiving our happiness from God gives us the taste of carrying His beneficent Word in the deserts of this time.

Alain Faucher, priest

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

February 17th, 2019

Prayer Intention for February 2019

Human Trafficking: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



Let us pray for our Priest Moderator, Father John.

Let us pray for all members of our community who suffer from illness, surgeries, bereavement, discouragement, loneliness or loss of faith.

Let us pray for Deacon Peter Le in his studies and who will be ordained on June 1, 2019.

Meeting of the Deanery (Priests of the region) – Thursday, February 21, 2019

The meeting will be held in Treherne on February 21 at 10:30 am. The parish office will be closed.

Adult Education Sessions: Why We Worship

As a Lenten 2019 project, the parish of St-Claude will offer six adult faith training sessions, a memorable experience that will give us a better understanding of the different parts of the Mass.

Each session, a presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre, consists of a 45-minute video that will be followed by a group discussion on the topic. The Parish Council Committee of St. Claude and Haywood encourages everyone to attend. Encourage your young families! It will be for all a catechesis and an opportunity to live well in Lent.

The first sessions will be at the St. Claude church at **7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21st and April 4th, 2019.**

Communion Ministers: (Resources from the Diocesan Liturgy Committee).

In the Church, all those who have a ministry in liturgy are "in a state of service". Being a minister of communion is neither an honor nor a personal privilege, but a real service. The minister of communion will act with faith, respect and dignity. He she will be welcoming, and his look will express kindness. He will take the time to show the conscious host that he is communicating a treasure.

Marriage Tip - February 17th, 2019

Have a home date tonight or this weekend. If you have kids, put them to bed early. Dinner can be simple but might include candlelight, soft music, wine or chocolate. After dinner, light more candles, look through your wedding album, play, and reminisce.

Angel Dresses

Project "Angel Dresses" is still very active in our parish.

For boys or girls, the ladies make dresses or envelopes, small bonnets and hats, shawls, small pockets to contain souvenirs such as a bracelet or even a strand of hair. These items are given to families in mourning of a premature child or a stillborn baby of full or incomplete term.



We make the little clothes from used wedding dresses or other women's ceremonial clothes. We will then give them to bring comfort to the bereaved families of their baby, allowing them to clothe him for a last photo and the burial service.

We are here to help families who have this need. Welcome to *Manitoba Angel Dresses*, the home of where volunteers lovingly create beautiful angel items from donated bridal and bridesmaid gowns. Our vision and mission are to alleviate the stress for a bereaved family by providing the family with a beautiful item, lovingly created in which to clothe their precious Angel.

Angel Dress kits are available for bereaved families. We have a group of ladies from St. Claude, Haywood, Holland and Cypress who help with the sewing. Each kit contains a hat for girls or a hat for boys, an outfit for Angels and a blanket. Funeral homes and local hospitals have received kits to give to families.

Our volunteer seamstresses have already sewn over 200 garments since the beginning of our project in 2017. I continue to collect used dresses or clothes that will be used for this purpose.

If you want to help in any way, such as donations of dresses, lace, ribbon, appliqués, small beads, etc., to make these outfits, it would be greatly appreciated. We also accept cash donations to cover expenses for such items that we need to purchase. For monetary donations, a tax receipt is available. If you want more information about our project, or if you want to give your time, do not hesitate to call me at 204-379-2519. *Jacqueline Bazin*

Stewardship Reflections - February 17th, 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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

"Healthy Eating" with Jodi Chanel - Thursday, February 21, from 2 to 4 pm

"Diabetic Class" with Jodi Chanel - Thursday, February 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Happiness here and now!



Trials and tribulations! This Sunday we read about happiness and distress in the biblical texts. The passages begin well, with words of happiness scattered here and there in the first reading and the Gospel. But very quickly, the themes focus on dire scenarios and Christ's words strike a raw nerve. Yet they also comfort us as we face life's difficulties. Though these situations record desperate times, they offer more than just descriptions of such situations.

Jesus speaks of poverty and persecution. If we did not trust Jesus, we would have already tuned out. But as we believe in him, we dare to stay and follow where he wants to lead us despite these difficult words. Jesus does not want us to be consumed by a defeatist mentality, either from an economic or personal point of view. What puts us on a constructive path is his categorical affirmation: *Yours is the kingdom of God*. It is also a positive and future assurance in contrast to what we may be currently experiencing: *Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh*. Whatever situation we are facing, our future is always positive, just as Christ promised.

Jesus acknowledged that his disciples would experience hatred, repulsion, insults and rejection when they proclaimed him. The words of the Son of Man should have attracted respect, for he is the Judge on the final day. We notice that Jesus' words, along with those of his disciples', are rejected. What is interesting is that Jesus warned his disciples not to self promote, without reference to Him, since this was how their ancestors were led astray and ended up believing false prophets. *Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets*. According to Jesus, happiness is possible only when the disciples agree to be one in life and death with him. Like the prophets, today's disciples speak for God. By putting their trust in the Lord, their legacy can be compared to a rooted tree that will survive in the midst of drought because it can find water: *This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit*. During a time of drought, the tree will still bear fruit. Our lives may appear to experience seasons of drought in reference to our faith. When the winds of doubt assail us, we find refuge in God's promise to be with us always.

Jesus declared that those who wish to be happy are open to hearing his words. The Gospel does not ask us to disrupt our lives. Poverty is never an end in itself and as Christ said, the means to eliminate it are within our power. Now! St. Luke has punctuated his text four times with this word and not because he lacked vocabulary. It is imperative that we open our eyes to God's gifts that are active in our lives **here and now**.

Alain Faucher, priest

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