



## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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### Our Mission Statement:

**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, **Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Gisèle Souque (Simone & André Lambert)**

Sunday, **Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Rose Chapman (Thérèse & August Debusschere)**

Sunday, **Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 am – Mona Antoine (Marie Rose Antoine)**

Sanctuary Lamp this week: André Lambert.

God's Share: Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - **\$253.00** (16) + **\$15.85** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$308.85**

Church Cleaning: August 16<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> – Janice & Mona Souque

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>August 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>September 2<sup>nd</sup></u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Janice Souque	Mona Souque
Offerings & Collection:	Raymond Massinon family	Jean Souque family	Raymond Souque family
Communion:	Deacon Peter	Yvonne Bazin	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Jean & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

### Readings for Sunday, August 26, 2018

Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34.1-2, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22 R.8)  
Ephesians 4.32 – 5.1-2, 21-32++; John 6.53, 60-69



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

*Universal:* For economic and political decisions to protect families as a treasure of humanity.

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

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

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Goodbye, Deacon Peter!**

It is with a twinge of heart that we say today, goodbye to Deacon Peter. He will be leaving this week to finish his studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. We wish him a very successful year accompanied by our prayers. We thank him for pursuing his vocation towards the priesthood. During these last two months, we had the pleasure of getting to know his personality and his ability to prepare very inspiring homilies. We, parishioners, will look forward to his return in the hope of welcoming him back as our priest in August 2019.

### **Closure of the Parish Office:**

The St. Claude Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 21 as well as Wednesday, August 22 (usual closure). I will be away on Tuesday for a meeting at the Archdiocese. Please leave a message at the office if need be. Thank you. Denise

### **CATECHISM AND PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:**

The parents of the Saint-Claude and Saint-Denis parishes who wish to undertake the catechism and preparation of their children for the sacrament of first Reconciliation (7-8 years of age or Grade 2), first Communion (8-9 year of age or Grade 3) or Confirmation (11-12 year of age or Grade 6 or more) are invited to contact La paroisse de Saint-Claude (**204-379-2434**) during office hours between **9:00 and 12:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed on Wednesdays)** or to send an e-mail to [pstclaud@mymts.net](mailto:pstclaud@mymts.net)

### **Community Event:**

**St. Claude Community Fowl Supper - Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Served from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Claude Community Centre  
Adults \$15. 6 to 12 yrs \$5. 5 yrs & under FREE



### **Marriage Tip:**

Sometimes we stress ourselves (and therefore our spouse and children) by worrying about things that don't really matter in the long run, like a certain image, wealth, or fame. Are you guilty of giving undue attention to things that will pass?

## Stewardship Reflection – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 19, 2018

*“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise....”*

Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom on earth.

### Thought of the Week:

The bread that we are proud to eat is the bread we have worked for. To have access to the imperishable bread, that is also a difficult job, apparently: we must believe in Jesus. Quite simple.

*Alain Faucher, priest*



**EUCCHARIST – BREAD OF LOVE,  
BREAD OF LIFE**

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

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Satisfying our Hunger with Food for Life

We need to satisfy our hunger in order to live. We are also hungry for *Life* in the sense that we are always searching for meaning.

The media constantly reminds us that millions of refugees are willing to make incredible sacrifices to reach a safe place to live or even just to survive. On another level, though the media report that religious practice appears to be in free-fall, there is still an identifiable search for spirituality. This quest may follow various pathways but it reflects a need that is deeply inscribed in the heart of our human experience. This spiritual quest is a search for meaning for our lives. We want to live long and worthwhile lives. What happens after we die? Are we thinking about eternal life?



In response, the Gospel comes to us with a reasonable declaration. There is a reference to *Wisdom* in the Book of Proverbs, who offers bread and wine to all with the advice to: *Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.* Jesus makes similar statements. However, this time, it is his flesh that he offers as food; his blood that he gives us to drink.

These shocking and astonishing statements comprise Christ's message. Yet were these the answers expected by people whose needs had not been fulfilled and who were still hungry? Those to whom Jesus spoke did not believe him. Their questions referred not only to his words but the fact that Christ actually spoke them: *How can this man give us his flesh to eat?* The crowd who listened to Jesus could not comprehend how he could make such statements. Yet, as God's Envoy, these words came from God. During their time in the desert, the Jews had accepted God's gift of manna from heaven. Christ's words referred to a new manna: *I am the living bread that came down from heaven.*

The crowd still could not accept Christ's words: *Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.* This new nourishment would also come from heaven. *This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.*

Jesus spoke to them about life. *Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.*

Jesus Christ offers us a future and a pathway to eternal life. His words may be difficult to hear because they force us to go far beyond our human limitations and embrace a new spirituality. He speaks of hunger that we must satisfy in order to live, but especially of a hunger for life that Christ alone can provide.

**Jacques Houle, c.s.v.**