



ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Feb. 4th - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (Roland & Yvonne Dequier)

Sunday, Feb. 11th - 9:00 am – Marcel Marin (Eugene & Yvonne Bazin)

Sunday, Feb. 18th – 9:00 am – Anna Antoine (Marie-Rose Antoine)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Marie-Rose Antoine.

God's Share: Jan.28th - \$308.00 (17) + \$0.00 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$468.00

Church Cleaning: Jan. 1st to Feb. 15th – Simone Lambert & Yvonne Bazin

Ministries :

Readers: Marcel Dufault

Offerings & Collection: Raymond Massinon family

Communion: Marcel Dufault

Counters: Denise & prtnr.

February 4th

Judith Robidoux

Eugene Bazin &

Albert Furet

Judith Robidoux

Michelle & prtnr.

February 11th

Lucille Dheilly

Marcel Dequier family

Lucille Dheilly

Eugene & prtnr.

February 18th

ACCUEIL D'AGE D'OR – HAYWOOD

Tuesday February 6 - Noon Meal \$8.50 for adults, please give your names to one of your contacts or phone [204-379-2477](tel:204-379-2477). All welcome.

Parish Finance Committee: Wednesday at 8:00 pm.

Spring Bazaar: This year will be on April 22nd. Save the date.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

February 4th, 2018

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2018

Universal: Say 'No' to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Parish Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the sacristy.

Let us keep a thought in our prayers for: Mr. Lucien Gauthier, who passed away in Portage on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the age of 80 years. His funeral was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 in St. Claude. Our condolences go out to his children, as well as to family and friends who are grieving.

Marriage Preparation Course: March 9-11, 2018:

'It Takes Three' Marriage Prep Course, in Holland, March 9-11th, 2018. If you or anyone you know is planning a marriage, please talk to your priest and register for this preparation seminar at 526-2504.

Tiger Mountain League for Life Annual Banquet – February 9, 2018

Annual Banquet on Friday February 9th, 2018 at the Holland Community Hall

Supper 6:30pm; Speaker: Kate Scatlett; Rainbow & Live Rose Auction

Dance to follow. Sponsored by Tiger Mountain League For Life

Tickets and information: Stephanie 204-526-5320

Catholic Videos on the Diocesan Website Home Page

Did you know that videos, by powerful Catholic Speakers (lay persons, priests, etc.), have been regularly posted on the Diocesan Home Page below the yellow ribbon 'Weekly News Bulletin'? If not, do check this out. You can copy the video link and forward it to your family and friends – this is one way each of us can be an intentional disciple who reaches out to draw people into a personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! (www.archsaintboniface.ca)

You tube Icon: Archdiocese of St. Boniface Home Page

Check out the new **You tube Icon** on the Archdiocese of St. Boniface Website Home Page and view the various videos taken most recently and in the past which covers a number of great stories, events and initiatives.

Thought of the week: Jesus healed to proclaim the Good News. It is up to us every day to heal hearts by proclaiming His beneficent presence.

Alain Faucher, priest

Discernment Retreat: 'Discovering the Beauty and Goodness in all Vocations' - Weekend, February 23 - 25, 2018

Are you between 17 and 30 years of age and considering what vocation God may be calling you to? The *Discernment Retreat* will be a relaxed and intimate weekend where participants will be invited to take a step back from their busy life to reconnect with God, and to be guided in their vocational discernment. Discover the beauty of all vocations: to the married life, to the priesthood, or to the religious life. The retreat will be held at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo, MB on the weekend of February 23 to 25, 2018. There will be prayer times, one-on-one spiritual accompaniment, sharing, reflection, games, great food, and so much more! Facilitators will be travelling from across North America to share their experience, to pray with and accompany participants. Investment: \$50/participant, which includes food, lodging, and all retreat materials. This retreat is sponsored by the Vocations Offices of the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and of Saint-Boniface. To register or for more information: Kevin Prada, kevin@catholicway.net, 204-347-5396. [View poster.](#) [View registration form.](#)

Winter Camps for Children & Youth, 8 to 17 years old

Winter camp registration makes for a great Christmas gift! Winter is long! Come have fun at dynamic and exciting winter camps in St. Malo for children & youth who desire to grow in their Catholic faith. The CSE (Catholic School of Evangelization) offers amazing weekend camps in English for: 8 to 12-years old - January 19 to 21, 2018; for 12 to 15-years old - February 2 to 4, 2018 and the annual bilingual winter *Revive Retreat* for 15 to 17-years old - February 16 to 19, 2018. French-language camp dates are available on the [CSE website](#). Early-bird discounts end Friday, December 8, 2017. **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY** at www.stmalocamps.net. For more information: camps@catholicway.net, 204-347-5396.

Marriage Tip

"Love is a decision" is a maxim from the Marriage Encounter (ME) movement. As wonderful as marriage can be, it's not always lived on an emotional high. Some days, we must just decide to love. The feelings will eventually follow.

Stewardship Reflection - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2018

'Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...'

He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come.' Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

February 4th, 2018

The Good News that Cures Us



The Gospel this Sunday presents passages that describe Jesus curing people. Today, when needed, we see a doctor and get medical attention. This passage could leave us uncomfortable or even surprised when we read what followed. Jesus brought St. Peter's mother-in-law back to health. Instead of taking time to recover, we read that the lady immediately attended to her visitors. We might wonder if Jesus was relegating women to domestic service, as appears to be the case. We may have forgotten how society in Jesus' era defined roles for men and women. To be able to perform one's assigned role was a source of great honour. Jesus not only cured the mother-in-law's ailment, he immediately enabled her to resume her place in society. With this cure, the fever that threatened her life disappeared and she could continue as before.

Our thoughts may be torn between admiration for Jesus' miracles and questions about these medical experiences. This is unfortunate as we have lost the perspective of analysing Jesus' actions within the context of his era. Since Christ was accepted as a man of God, it was normal that he would be blessed with healing powers. Two millennia later, we place our health in the hands of competent medical personnel who base their expertise on scientific research. This didn't happen in Jesus' era. We do not associate *healers* with medical intervention. We read in the Gospel that Jesus often cured people. There were no infirmaries when Jesus traveled throughout the countryside. He brought the simple message of the Good News that cured lives and forced *demons* to leave tormented people. Many ailments were attributed to possession by these *perverse demons*. Curing physical defects and bringing people back to life also were recorded as Christ's interventions.

Jesus' healings are regarded as miraculous cures. Could we be questioning these passages because our faith is at a transitional phase? The Christian faith has many followers among the people of the Southern continents who value the talents of healers. The Christian faith will remain strong as it cares for people, whatever their spiritual and physical needs. This is a better perspective. Our Christian faith will be relevant for people in our own country once we acknowledge the difference it makes in our lives. Our faith will free us from heartaches. It will bring us consolation, a new perspective on life, and an intuitive capacity to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Alain Faucher, priest

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