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Newsletter for the week of February 14th 2021

Please Note: The office is closed to the public until February 16th.

Attendance for masses may resume February 17th. I will send out an email confirming this once we receive the information.

You will receive a few emails following this newsletter, concerning Ash Wednesday.

If you need assistance, please leave me a message and I will get back to you on the next day that I am in the office. Joanne

If you have an urgent matter, please call Fr. Joseph. His cell number can be found at the top of this newsletter.

Five Things of which to be mindful

A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION WILL REMAIN. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend at their churches/parish.

Attendance will be limited. The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 30% fire code capacity, or fewer if required to ensure physical distancing.

Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced. Expect that your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other. Wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread. Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days is directed to stay home.

Liturgical changes will be in place. Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made with respect to how we celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict physical distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the corona virus. Improved cleaning will occur in our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

Masses from February 14th to the 21st of February

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

Tuesday February 16th 10am – Stanley Nowak & Christine Eady by Mary Nowak

Ash Wednesday February 17th 9am – Rose Swiddle by the CWL

Saturday February 20th 7pm – Aggie Roger by Bev Rouleau & family

Sunday February 21st 9:45am – Gwen Crowe by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Sunday February 14th 8:30am – For the People

Ash Wednesday February 17th 11am – Diane Dumont Hearn by Karen Burton

Thursday February 18th 9am – Marlene Christianson by Lynda Boulanger

Sunday February 21st 8:30am – Irene Deschevy by Rose Mary Thibeault

St-Étienne/ St Stephen

Ash Wednesday February 17th at noon – Père Michel Rodrigue de Giselle

Sunday February 21st 11am – For the People

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity during this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Donations February 7th 2021

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 660.00
Loose	\$
Renos	\$ 40.00
HOP	<u>\$ 390.00</u>

Total Deposit \$ 1090.00

6th Sunday of the ordinary time

In the Gospel of this Sunday, a leper took the initiative and pleaded with Jesus to heal him. Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hands, touched him, and the leprosy left the man at once. He was cured.

In this gospel passage, we see the helplessness and desperation of the leper. By reaching out to Jesus for help, he violated the law of the day that forbade him to get physically close to a person that did not have leprosy. On the other hand, we see the greatness of Jesus who felt compassion for him, entering into his pain, and touching him despite the law that forbade him from touching a leper.

God's response to human needs, along with the courage and willingness of the leper to take risks, led to healing and restoration. Miracles are possible, but we need the raw materials for the miracles to take place.

So let us pray for the courage to take bold steps, even when they go against conventional expectations, in order to liberate, restore and transform people. May God continue to use us for the greater glory of His name. Amen.

Happy Sunday!

6^e dimanche du temps ordinaire

Dans l'Évangile de ce dimanche, un lépreux prend l'initiative et supplie Jésus de le guérir. Ayant de la compassion pour lui, Jésus étend les mains, le touche et le guérit.

Dans ce passage de l'Évangile, nous voyons l'impuissance et le désespoir du lépreux. En demandant l'aide de Jésus, il viole la loi du jour qui lui interdit d'approcher une personne non atteinte de la lèpre. D'un autre côté, nous voyons la grandeur de Jésus qui éprouve de la compassion pour lui, sympathise avec sa douleur et le touche malgré la loi qui lui interdit de toucher un lépreux.

La réponse de Dieu aux besoins humains, ainsi que le courage et la hardiesse du lépreux ont conduit à la guérison et à la restauration. Les miracles sont possibles, mais nous avons besoin d'une bonne base pour que les miracles se produisent.

Prions donc pour avoir le courage de prendre des mesures audacieuses, même lorsqu'elles vont à l'encontre des attentes conventionnelles, afin de libérer, restaurer et transformer les gens. Que Dieu continue à nous utiliser pour la plus grande gloire de son nom. Amen.
Bon dimanche!



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**ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME
RESOURCES FOR PARISHES**

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

Celebrate at Church or at Home - Ash Wednesday (February 17)

While our churches are expected to be permitted to reopen next week across Northern Ontario, there still remains a capacity restriction as well as parishioners who feel uncomfortable returning at this time. Bishop Dowd is encouraging all Catholics to still celebrate Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. Parishioners who cannot attend Mass on Ash Wednesday are asked to come to the parish to pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure, and pray at home with the members of your household. Blessed ashes will be available to pick up in our parish on Ash Wednesday, **February 17th from 1pm to 7pm. During these hours, the doors will be open to our 3 churches and ashes will be in a container that you can take home. Ashes will also be available for pickup before all masses on Sunday February 21st.**

For more information, a digital copy of the prayer service, or to watch a tutorial video on how to use the prayer service, visit: www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

**CÉLÉBRER LE MERCREDI DES CENDRES CHEZ-SOI
RESSOURCES POUR LES PAROISSES**

ANNOUNCE POUR LE BULLETIN :

Célébrer chez-soi ou à l'église – Mercredi des cendres (17 février)

Bien que l'on s'attende à ce que nos églises soient autorisées à rouvrir la semaine prochaine dans le nord de l'Ontario, nous ne pourrions accueillir qu'un nombre restreint de personnes ; de plus, certains paroissiens ne se sentiraient pas à l'aise de revenir en ce moment. Mgr Dowd encourage tous les catholiques à célébrer le mercredi des Cendres - le début du carême. Les paroissiens qui ne peuvent pas assister à la messe le mercredi des Cendres sont priés de venir chercher à la paroisse les cendres bénites ainsi qu'un dépliant avec un rituel de prière, et de prier à la maison avec les membres de leur foyer. Il sera possible de venir chercher les cendres bénites dans notre paroisse le mercredi des Cendres, 17 février, de 13h à 19h.

Pour recevoir de plus amples renseignements ou une copie numérique du rituel de prière, ou pour visionner une vidéo sur l'utilisation du rituel de prière, veuillez visiter le site suivant : www.diocesedesaultstemarie.org

Happy Valentine's Day!

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Saviour, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME

Paisley Amyotte
John Dupuis
Helen Hickey
Dianne Luttrell
Raymonde Matte
Richard (Bub) Pellerin
Pauline Sauve
Bonnie Vellows

Tina Benoit
Wendy Fougere
Colleen Huskinson
Keith MacDonald
Doug McMahon
Rheal Poirier
Ed Serson
Bernice Kaczmariski Gemmell

Blake Bond
Jim Golden
Carolyn Besserer
Joe MacDonald
Mary Nowak
Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie
Roberta Tracanelli

Roland Chouinard
Greg Grant
Betty Leschishin
Chris Marcotte
Vivian O'Bumsawin
Denis Vallieres

If anyone's name should be added or taken off the list, please call the office.