



**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7th & 8th, 2018**


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2018 Target Amount	Collected As of April 1st	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 4,984.00	- \$ 14,226.00


 **FLOWERS FOR EASTER** - thank you to everyone who made a donation towards this years Easter Flowers.

 **BURSARY** - A \$500.00 dollar bursary for continuing education is being made available by the Catholic Women's League to a Catholic Student from Good Shepherd Parish (including St. Ambrose) graduating from Grade 12 this year. The criteria will not be based solely on marks, it will also consider volunteerism in and out of the Parish and other criteria. If you would like an application and full criteria please call either Bernadette at 239-6696, Irene at 857-5015, or Joan 857-8092. Applications should be submitted by no later than **May 30th** to Catholic Women's League, 114 Countess Ave. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N 0T2.

 **"A FIDDLING CONCERT"** - presented by Mark Morisseau - **Saturday, May 5th, at 2:00 pm**, at Good Shepherd Parish. The concert is approximately a 75 minute traditional show with a variety of level of artists from emerging artists to recording artists with dance and vocal arrangements and a whole lot of fiddle of course! There is a full band backing up about 50 artists that share the stage together for a number of group performances. Everyone is welcome to help us cheer on our rising artists. Refreshments served following the concert. Tickets are available at the door but should guests wish to skip the line that day, we encourage purchasing an advanced ticket through one of the performers or at the parish office. Tickets: Adult -\$ 12.00 / 12 & under \$ 5.00.


 **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSIONS** We will resume our scripture reflection sessions on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm, **starting April 18th. Please pick up your scripture reflection for the next sessions at the back of the church.**

 **BAPTISM PREPARATION** - is planned for Saturday, April 21st, from 9:00 am till 1:30 pm (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.

 **ST. MARY'S** - The Annual Cookie Walk on April 14th, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in aid of the Ugandan Orphans' Fund has been a regular event at St. Mary's Parish Hall (36-2nd St. N.W.) for the past 10 years. Bag of cookies \$ 5.00. Lunch will be served - chili and bannock for \$ 5.00. Please come and join us. Proceeds go the Orphans' Fund in Uganda. See poster in kios.


*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not Only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11*


Collection March 31 April 1	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 4,391.75	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 531.75	- \$ 2,952.95


 **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **April 14 & 15.**

**APRIL**

- 8 Children's Liturgy during Mass**
- 8 First Communion - postponed till May
- 10 Lions Prairie Manor Service 2:00 pm
- 12 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Community Breakfast after Mass
- 15 East Side Choir 7:00 pm
- 18 M.D.C. Service 10:00 am
- 18 Celebration Scripture Sessions 2:00 pm
- 19 Ministry of Hope 7:00 pm

 Jesus has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia! I am grateful for all the thoughts and prayers that have been sent my way. I am resting comfortably, as I recover from a mild heart attack. I will return to ministry early next month. Thank you to all who have reached out whether through inquiry of my well being, a prayer, card or brief visit when I was at the hospital. It was much appreciated. I know the month will go by quickly until I return to be with you. Please know of my thoughts and prayers for all of you. May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families! Respectfully, Fr. Gerald

 All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the company of other parishioners and a visit.

 **EAST SIDE CHOIR** - The Portage, MacGregor, and Gladstone Youth for Christ chapters are pleased to announce a fundraising concert with Wayne Unrau and the East Side Choir. The event will be held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Portage la Prairie, on **Sunday, April 15**, at 7:00 pm.

*"From the Eucharist, this sacrament of love, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness." (Pope Francis)*

## WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductory Remarks (after introduction, please stand)  
Sign of the Cross

Greeting

At the end of the greeting when the Leader says: "Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

**R: Blessed be God Forever**

Litany of Praise

Invocations to Christ

Opening Prayer (please remain standing)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession and Enthronement of the Word

Readings

Profession of Faith (please stand)

General Intercessions

Prayer of Praise

Immediately after the Prayer for Vocations, the Prayer of Praise is introduced. At the end of each invocation when the Leader says: "we voice our Praise and say".

**R: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting**

Sign of Peace

### RITE OF DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer ending with doxology

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to communion

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Collection

### CONCLUSION

Blessing (please stand)

Dismissal

**CONNECTIONS by Denise Simeone** - "Be of one heart and one mind. Share everything in common!" What kind of a world is that? How is this way of life even possible? Through everything he did and taught, Jesus believed in this way of life. He never wavered from his mission to proclaim that the reign of God was possible and to call disciples to preach that message to all the ends of the earth. We begin to hear the hints of Pentecost in this Sunday's readings. In 1 John, the Spirit is truth. In John's Gospel, the Spirit comes upon them as breath. And in the Acts reading, we see the fruits of the Spirit in the way that the community members treat one another.

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*The rosary is recited before every Saturday evening mass starting at 6:20 pm*

<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Saturday, April 7th Sunday, April 8th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, April 10th	2:00 pm	Lions Prairie Manor	Celebration of the Word with Communion
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Saturday, April 14th Sunday, April 15th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	Birthday Wishes for Clint Jonsson by Maria Dela Cruz †Gerald Pilon by Suzanne & Ken Borisenko †Jim & †Delima Lavalley by Margaret St. Goddard & Family

***Friendly Reminders***  
**Saturday, April 14th**

**Greeters** - Madeline Provo, Helena Kot  
**Ushers** - Raymond Smith, Mary Bolton  
 Bill & Florence Zettler  
**Gift Bearers** - Kirchner Family  
**Lectors** - Jane Hebert, DonnaLynn Barnett  
**Eucharist Ministers** - John & Doris Nichol, Audree Peech,  
 Dave & Rosemary Barney

***Friendly Reminders***  
**Sunday, April 15th**


**Greeters** - Alvin & Antonia Rossnegal  
**Ushers** - Dawson Lernowicz, Sinto Sebastian,  
 Bill & Elaine Vint  
**Gift Bearers** - Arthur & Cheryl Windsor  
**Lectors** - John Chudzik, Rosa Rawlings  
**Ministers** - Jacklin Jackson, Gary van der Zweep,  
 Irv Wegleitner, Guy & Sylvia Gauthier, Pauline Calder,  
 Margaret Whiteley

**COME TO THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY!** - Did you know, that in the 1930's, Our Lord Jesus, Himself, requested through St. Faustina, that a very, special Feast of Divine Mercy be established, in His Church, and solemnly celebrated, on the First Sunday, after Easter, every year? In the Jubilee Year 2000, after many years of study, Saint Pope John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ by establishing this special Feast of Divine Mercy, in the Catholic Church, and gave it the name "**Divine Mercy Sunday**"! By God's Providence, Saint John Paul II died, on this feast, in 2005.

**What is so special about this new Feast of Divine Mercy** you might be asking yourself? It is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on that very special Feast of Divine Mercy!

**Why would Jesus offer us something so great at this time?** Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy, in very great abundance, before He comes again as the Just Judge and as the very last hope of salvation.

**Jesus is in the Confessional** - One of the most reassuring things Our Lord Jesus revealed to us through Saint Faustina includes the several times when He indicated to her that He is really there in the Confessional when we are making our individual Confessions, to the priests. Jesus said that every time we enter the Confessional, that He Himself is there waiting for us, and that He is only hidden by the priest. Jesus said never to analyze what sort of a priest that He is making use of, but for us to reveal our souls to Him and that He will fill us with His peace and light. Some have wondered why Jesus would want us to confess our sins to a priest, but the answer is in the very first instruction that Jesus gave to His Apostles directly after His Resurrection from the dead. On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus walked through the door of the Upper Room where the Apostles were hiding and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit, what sins you forgive are forgiven them, what sins you retain are retained". This was the start of Confessions. For sure, that command was not only for the Apostles to be able to forgive sins, and then to be forgotten, but for that power to be passed on, to all the ordained priests of today, in the Catholic Church. Jesus said that the greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to His mercy! Don't continue to carry your sins, Jesus forgives!

 **"40 CANS FOR LENT" - Knights of Columbus - HUGE** thank you very much for your generosity in sponsoring the "40 CANS FOR LENT". With your help we collected **1,279** items. Hunger as we know has no season and every day many people go hungry.

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