



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 August 5 & 6 | Collections Required Per Week | Weekly Collection + / - | Year to Date Collections + / - |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$ 3,272.95 | \$ 3,465.00 | - \$ 192.05 | - \$ 326.14 |
| August 12 & 13 | | | |
| \$ 3,637.30 | \$ 3,465.00 | + \$ 172.30 | - \$ 153.84 |



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **August 19 & 20**.

AUGUST


28 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm
 @ Canad Inn - Ball Room

SEPTEMBER

3 Coffee after Mass
 7 Douglas Campbell Mass 2:00 pm
 12 Lions Prairie Manor Mass 2:00 pm
 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm

 **Summer Office Hours**

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office will be going to reduced hours. For the month of August, hours will be from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday**. Our parish bulletin will be published every two weekends.

 **MASS TIME** - for August we will offer mass at **10:00 am**.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Nicolette Moffatt & Shane McMullan who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Friday, August 18th. May God bless you with many years of happiness, holiness and health.

Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for two months and I never called you once when he misbehaved."

Sharing God's Gifts Goal - \$ 18,910.00
Total collected to date - \$ 15,816.78

| Month | Collection | Collections Required Per Month | Monthly Collection + / - | Year to Date Collections + / - |
|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January | \$ 2,742.33 | \$1,575.83 | + \$1,166.50 | + \$1,166.50 |
| February | \$1,911.13 | \$1,575.83 | + \$335.30 | + \$1,501.80 |
| March | \$2,020.33 | \$1,575.83 | + \$444.50 | + \$1,946.30 |
| April | \$1,733.58 | \$1,575.83 | + \$157.75 | + \$2,104.05 |
| May | \$2,016.93 | \$1,575.83 | + \$441.10 | + \$2,545.15 |
| June | \$1,950.38 | \$1,575.83 | + \$374.55 | + \$2,919.70 |
| July | \$ 1,673.00 | \$1,575.83 | + \$97.17 | + \$ 3,016.87 |
| August | \$1,769.10 | | | |



It was another successful summer of camps at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo. I want to express a huge thanks to the parish community as a whole for supporting and encouraging me to take on this job. The money that was given helped with my training and my actual weeks working as a counsellor for the youth. From this experience at camp, I grew in my faith and I helped young children and fellow counsellors also grow in their faith. Much love and thanks. God bless. *Emma Bullock*

Christmas came early. Thank you to Helena Kot for the donation of a Christmas tree.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Anne Blaine. Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE



There will be a blood donor clinic on **Monday, August 28th, 3:00 - 8:00 pm, @ Canad Inn - Ball Room**. Thanks to all of you for saving lives with your donation of blood. Your efforts have helped us to make a huge difference in the lives of patients in area hospitals. Appointments preferred or Walk-In (If Available) please call 1-888-236-6283.

Portage la Prairie has donated 756 units of blood since January of this year. The goal was 849.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 19th & 20th
 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time - August 26th & 27th
 "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14

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

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| 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 19th Sunday, August 20th | 7:00 pm 10:00 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise | ✠Gisele Wegleitner by Bill & Florence Zettler ✠Juanita & ✠Geronimo Rodriguez by the Family ✠Wally & ✠Edward Ducharme by Alphonse & Patsy Ducharme |
| Wednesday, August 23rd | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | In Thanksgiving by a Parishioner |
| Friday, August 25th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | All souls In Purgatory by Jacklin Jackson |
| 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 26th Sunday, August 27th | 7:00 pm 10:00 am | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd | ✠John Sareault by the Family ✠George Gurke by Brent, Karla, Josh & Karter |
| Wednesday, August 30th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | ✠Gisele Wegleitner by Friends |
| Thursday, August 31st | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | ✠Gerald Pilon by Ken & Suzanne Borisenko |
| Friday, September 1st | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | Wedding Anniversary of Philomina & Jackson by Jacklin Jackson |
| 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 2nd Sunday, September 3rd | 7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise | ✠Margaret & ✠John Hebert by Andy Loucks & Family ✠Leona Jackson by the Family ✠Edna Ducharme by the Family |



HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH



On the Labour weekend, **Sunday, September 3rd**, 2017, we will move the mass time to **10:30 am** on a permanent basis. As you will note, the 10:00 am mass time was for the summer. Last year, following the census/survey results, the mass times chosen in order were 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:00 am. So why the change?

- ◆ The extra half hour will allow for a little bit later start of catechism (9:30 am).
 - ◆ For those who are traveling further distances, it will allow some extra time during the winter months.
 - ◆ Following the Archbishop's request to continue more frequent masses at St. Ambroise, the time will still allow me some visiting time prior to my departure for the 1:00 pm mass. There are no perfect solutions and no real best times. Nevertheless, let's try our best to make this work.
- Respectfully, Fr. Gerald Langevin, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

August 26 & 27 - Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

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

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, August 26th

- Greeters** - Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Ushers - Jo-ann & Karl Voesenek
 Mary Bolton, Raymond Smith
Gift Bearers - Fern & Donna Gervais
Lectors - Dana & Denise Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Rosemary & Dave Barney,
 Helena Kot, Jewely Baby, Deepthy George

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, August 27th

- Greeters** - Jeannette Houle, Joan Dufresne
Ushers - Armand Tanguay, Dawson Lernowicz,
 Ron & Julie Prieur
Gift Bearers - Hazel Desjardins, Rose Marie Neault
Lectors - Michel Touchette, Rosa Rawlings
Eucharist Ministers - Mickey Cuthbert, Jacklin Jackson,
 Karen McLeod, Garth Bullock, Sinto Sebastian,
 Pauline Calder, Evaristo Garcia

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, September 2nd

- Greeters** - Denys Marion, Madeline Provo
Ushers - Bill & Florence Zettler
 Cliff & Loreen Lafreniere
Gift Bearers - Gerald Roy, Pierre Huberdeau
Lectors - Rachael Murray, Helena Kot
Eucharist Ministers - Luc & Donna Gamache,
 Ron O'Neil, Zennia Semechshyn, Kim Dengate

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, September 3rd

- Greeters** - Fraser Family
Ushers - Bill & Elaine Vint,
 Francisco Gonzalez-Cortez, Candida C Martinez-de Gonzalez
Gift Bearers - Fraser Family
Lectors - Irv Wegleitner, Ruth Mulligan
Eucharist Ministers - Guy & Sylvia Gauthier,
 Arthur Rey, Kevin Le Lievre, Gary van der Zweep,
 Neenu Shibu, Kerry McGowan,

"THE BEST PLACE TO FIND A HELPING HAND IS AT THE END OF YOUR OWN ARM."
-swedish proverb

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

- "On the Street A few months ago, Pope Francis made one of his off-the-cuff comments that stirred hearts but left a few puzzled. In an interview about refugees, the topic turned to giving to individuals begging on the street. To Christian stewards, especially urban dwellers, this is a common sight: the man at the busy intersection with the sign, the person near the coffee shop jingling change in a cup. Do we give? No matter our response, we are left with a sense of unease, and perhaps even guilt. Pope Francis told the interviewer that it "is always right" to give to the asker, and encouraged us to give with respect and compassion. "Tossing money and not looking into their eyes" is not the behavior of a Christian, he added. Some responded with rather legalist, but none-the-less practical counter-arguments. How do we know they won't buy alcohol or tobacco? Shouldn't we give instead to charities which assist those on the street. In his typical thoughtful way, Pope Francis addressed these concerns. We all use our money for some guilty pleasures, he said. There's yesterday's pastry, or last night's extra glass of wine. In words we remember Pope Francis speaking on another occasion, "Who am I to judge?" Essentially, giving should come without judgement. But Pope Francis isn't issuing rules, but speaking to our attitude. The person begging for our help is just that: a person, with a need for human dignity. And we too have a need, the urge to respond with love to the God who has given us everything. We don't give because we see the beneficial outcome before our eyes. We give because we have a need to give, because God placed that need in our hearts. Almsgiving is an ancient and inherent part of the Judeo-Christian tradition. If we offer money, or perhaps a bag of snacks which many carry in their cars for such an occasion, do we smile and look someone in the eye? Do we ever stop to chat? Have we offered, not just a donation, but a brief encounter, perhaps offering our first name and asking theirs? Do we treat the poor we encounter as equals, or do we avert our eyes as we pass? Do we understand our own need to give? Christian stewards keep Pope Francis' words in mind: "In the shoes of the other, we learn to have a great capacity for understanding, for getting to know difficult situations."



GATHERING & FELLOWSHIP

- coffee every Sunday after Mass, starting **September 3rd**. We look forward to having all parishioners stay and get to know one another better! Please come and join us. Looking for a team to host one Sunday a month. If you are interested give Bernadette a call at 204-239-6696.

When Life Gives You Lemons, Trade Them For Coffee.

