

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - August 5th & 6th
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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 July 15 & 16 | Collections Required Per Week | Weekly Collection + / - | Year to Date Collections + / - |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 3,538.21 | \$ 3,465.00 | + \$ 73.21 | + \$ 288.21 |
| July 22 & 23 | | | |
| \$ 3,222.35 | \$ 3,465.00 | - \$ 242.65 | + \$ 45.56 |
| July 29 & 30 | | | |
| \$ 3,285.35 | \$ 3,465.00 | - \$ 179.65 | - \$ 134.09 |



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **August 5 & 6**

| AUGUST | | | |
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| 8 | Lions Prairie Manor Mass | | 2:00 pm |
| 13 | Spanish Mass | | 7:30 pm |
| 16 | M.D.C. Mass | | 10:00 am |



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**.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Frances Parynuick, Michelle Lalancette, Yoland Thomas, Cyrille St. Cyr & Beatrice St. Cyr. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Prairie Prolife of Portage are replacing the prolife sign on the Portage Bypass. It is to be installed by the end of next week, around August 11th. Rachael Murray

Being happy never goes out of style.

Sharing God's Gifts Goal - \$ 18,910.00
Total collated to date - \$ 14,047.68

| 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 |

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15 - Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption; the day we recall Our Blessed Mother being assumed into heaven and crowned queen. In the Gospel reading we hear proclaimed once again the Canticle of Mary, recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:46-55). It is the Virgin Mary's song of joy in response to her cousin Elizabeth's greeting (Luke 1:41-45), and summarizes Mary's deep faith and trust in God. "My soul magnifies the Lord..." Take a few moments and pray this stewardship prayer. Consider its implications for your life. How do you magnify the Lord? How do you make God "bigger" in your day-to-day world? How do you share God's compassion with others, especially the poor?

HOSPITAL VISITS - In addition to the masses and prayer services we offer at the Church, I am grateful for the occasions to come to pray with parishioners at the hospital and offer them the Sacrament of the Sick. I am also thankful to our communion ministers who offer their services to visit both at the hospitals and at the care homes, or assisted living facilities here in Portage. They are good to let me know if someone has requested a visit. The staff at the hospital and the care homes are also very good to give us a call if you ask them or have a family member, with your permission, request a visit. In addition, with permission, I stay in contact with my brother priests when I have visited their parishioners to make sure that they are aware that I have seen them and if they require their presence. The list at the hospital may not always acknowledge your presence at the hospital. Privacy and Confidentiality are always of utmost importance. The PHIA (Personal Health Information Act) is always to be followed. If I have not been to visit you, the quickest way is to have someone contact the parish office.

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

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| Feast of the Transfiguration Of the Lord Saturday, August 5th Sunday, August 6th | 7:00 pm 10:00 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose | ✠Francisco Du by the Family ✠Peter & ✠Elisbeth Esser & Daughter ✠Christel (Esser) Schmitz by the Family ✠Yolande Thomas by the Family |
| Tuesday, August 8th | 2:00 pm | Lions Manor | ✠Edna Meuller by Rita Smith |
| Thursday, August 10th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | ✠Fred & ✠Polly Zalluski by the Family |
| Friday, August 11th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | ✠Clara Lizardo by Joy Medallon |
| 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 12th Sunday, August 13th | 7:00 pm 10:00 am 7:30 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd | Happy 45th Anniversary Dave & Rosemary Barney from the Family ✠Margaret Hebert by Andy Loucks & Family All Migrant Workers & Their Families |
| Assumption of Mary Tuesday, August 15th | 7:00 pm | Good Shepherd | Father Luis Melo, 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood |
| Wednesday, August 16th | 10:00 am | M.D.C. | ✠Dave Samolesky by the Bullock Family |
| Friday, August 18th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | ✠John Lebedynski by Linda & Stan Szumilak & Family |
| 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. Ambrose | ✠Gisele Wegleitner by Bill & Florence Zettler ✠Juanita & ✠Geronimo Rodriguez by the Family ✠Wally & ✠Edward Ducharme by Alphone & Patsy Ducharme |

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

August 12 & 13 - Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.



*The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same.
 Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.*



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Friendly Reminders

Saturday, August 12th

Greeters - Zennia Semechyshyn, Pauline Puff
Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
Bernadette Gnanapragrasam, Cecile Scott
Gift Bearers - Bob & Pauline Debusschere
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Jim Ross
Eucharist Ministers - Anita Kowerchuk, Linda Leafloor,
Tara Ryzner, Rachael Murray

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, August 13th

Greeters - Pauline Calder, Liz Kelly
Ushers - Bernadette Le Lievre, Sharon Murkin,
Suzanne Borisenko, Benda Franke
Gift Bearers - Pauline Calder, Liz Kelly
Lectors - Ruth Mulligan, Ruth Deegan
Eucharist Ministers - Karen McLeod, Arthur Rey,
Stan Lambert, Neenu Shibu, Kerry McGowan,
Margaret Whiteley, Gary van der Zweep

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, August 19th

Greeters - Irma Gobert, Helena Kot
Ushers - John & Doris Nichol
Estelle Sinclair, Ron O'Neil
Gift Bearers - Pauline Puff, Zennia Semechyshyn
Lectors - Rick Ryzner, Kim Dengate
Eucharist Ministers - Donna Rey, Audree Peech,
Jim Ross, Denise Payment, Jo-ann Voeselek

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, August 20th

Greeters - Galarneau Family
Ushers - Arthur Rey, Jo Laurans,
Evaristo Garcia, Jeannette Houle
Gift Bearers - Galarneau Family
Lectors - Irene Souque Hewitt, Kerry McGowan
Eucharist Ministers - Rose Marie Neault, Stan Lambert,
Elaine Harder, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz,
Joe & Marie Wermie

New Schedules are ready for pickup.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR AUGUST - Saint Clare of Assisi - Clare of Assisi was a close friend of Saint Francis of Assisi and the foundress of the Poor Clares. She was born in Assisi in 1194 and at age 18 was so moved by the Lenten sermons of Francis that she renounced all of her possessions and entered a convent, much to the dissatisfaction of her family and friends, who tried very hard to dissuade her and bring her home. She was formed in the religious life at Benedictine monasteries and then accepted Francis' offer of a small house for herself and her companions adjacent to the church of San Damiano in Assisi. At age 21, she was appointed by Francis to lead the community, much against her will. She would lead the community for the next forty years and would never leave the San Damiano convent. The community would eventually include her mother and two sisters. The way of life in the new community was marked by poverty and austerity, and sustained itself entirely from charitable contributions. The Poor Clares observed almost complete silence unless spoken to or in order to perform a work of charity. They went barefoot, slept on the ground and ate no meat. In later years, Clare urged her nuns to moderate their own austerities and offer Christ "reasonable service and sacrifice seasoned with the salt of prudence." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They owned no property. Clare served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She was devoted to a life of prayer and celebration of the Eucharist. She was first up in the morning to ring the choir bell and light the candles. Clare sought to imitate Francis' virtues and way of life so much so that she was sometimes called "another Francis." She played a significant role in encouraging and aiding Francis, whom she saw as a spiritual father figure. She took care of him during his final illness. From the time Francis died in 1226 until her own death 27 years later, Clare suffered various illnesses and was often bedridden. All the while, she lived a simple but dedicated religious life, performing such menial tasks as sewing altar linens for local parishes. Twice when the town of Assisi was under attack, Clare prayed before the Blessed Sacrament and the armies were said to have ended their siege and fled. Clare's nuns soon spread to other countries in Europe, including Spain, Italy, Germany, France and England. Today, they are also established in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. She passed away on August 11, 1253 and was canonized two years later. Her feast day is August 11th.

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