



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 December 9 & 10	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,142.32	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 322.65	- \$ 384.19



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **December 16 & 17**.

DECEMBER

17	Community Parish Breakfast - after Mass	
17	Anointing of the Sick	7:00 pm
20	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
20	Service of Remembrance & Hope	7:30 pm
	@ McKenzie United Church	
26	Blood Donor Clinic	2:00 - 7:00 pm
	@ Canad Inn - Ball Room	

New Schedules are ready for pick up.

CALENDARS - are available, one per family. These calendars are distributed free of charge courtesy of Omega Funeral Home.



COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST will be on Sunday, **December 17th after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Menu will include **pancakes, sausages, hash browns, baked beans, juice, coffee and tea**. Suggested donation of \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 for family of 4 or more. Funds raised will go towards the building project. Everyone is invited! Please come and join us.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - **Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 pm** - At this time of year as we approach Christmas many people experience stress, depression and anxiety. Our celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can bring comfort and peace to many. All parishioners, whether one desires anointing or not are invited to come and pray as a community for those receiving this Sacrament.

Number of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts	Percentage of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts	Sharing God's Gifts Target
125/345	36%	\$ 18,910.00
Target Amount	Collected As of December 10th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 18,910.00	\$ 24,017.93	+ \$ 5,107.93

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (MASS TIMES)

December 24	5:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
	7:30 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
	9:30 pm - St. Ambrose Parish
December 25	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	
January 1	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish



THANK-YOU - to everyone who donated baking for the shut-in trays, and to the individuals who delivered them. A total of 54 were made and delivered.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - anyone wanting to donate money towards this years Advent flowers please mark an envelope "Flowers" which can be placed in the collection basket. All donation will receive a tax receipt.



EVERGREEN TREE - in the gathering area you will see a large evergreen tree, free of all decorations. In our journey to Christmas we are asking you, each week-end leading up to our Lord's birthday to bring a small decoration to place on the tree. Please attach a small name tag on the back. Let all the decorations be from your heart, your hands and culture. Try very hard to find non-commercialized items Parishioners are asked to contribute. Hooks are available by the Baptismal font.



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE on Wednesday, **December, 20th at 7:30 pm**, at **McKenzie United Church**. This ecumenical service is for all who have lost a loved one, family member, or friend as we gather to remember and honor them at this time of the year. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't lost a loved one. We are a community of faith who support and love one another at this time of Christmas.



CATECHISM CLASSES - this Sunday, December 17th is the last class for 2017 and we will resume on January 7th, 2018.

Novena MASSES SET TO START FOR CHRISTMAS

Beginning on Saturday, December, 16th, we will begin our novena of masses leading up to Christmas. While the tradition in the Philippines, Mexico, and Spain is to celebrate the mass early in the morning, prior to dawn, we will celebrate these 9 days of masses in the **evening**. To accommodate those who work, the masses are also celebrated in the evening in preparation for Christmas. Last year was the first time the novena of masses was celebrated here. Please take note of the schedule. Most evenings the mass is scheduled for 7:00 pm. We averaged close to 30 people last year for the masses. Know that the masses are for the whole community here at Good Shepherd. In the midst of the busy-ness of the season, let us take time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Emmanuel: God with us!

December 16th - 7:00 pm
December 17th - 7:00 pm
December 18th - 7:00 pm

December 19th - 7:00 pm
December 20th - 6:00 pm
December 21st - 7:00 pm

December 22nd - 7:00 pm
December 23rd - 7:00 pm
December 24th - 7:30 pm



All are welcome to this Novena of masses in preparation for Christmas.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS - Dawn Lernowicz will be organizing the children's parts of the Christmas Mass (5:00 pm). There will be a practice on **December, 17th after mass**, will take about an hour. We are always looking for helpers, if you are able please come and see me in the storage room. Mary Hordeski will be helping this year. You can contact Dawn at 204-872-2897 if you have any questions.



GIVE A GIFT - CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES - As we arrive (so quickly) to the Christmas/holiday season, many activities seem to take over our lives. So much so, sometimes that we lose sight of what's really important. At the same time, there are many patients requiring blood treatment for trauma, cancer and other procedures. Please take the time this holiday season to give the perfect gift, the gift of good health to patients and good cheer to their families. There is a clinic at the Canad Inn-Ball Room on **Tuesday, December 26th from 2:00 - 7:00 pm**. Call 1-888-2-DONATE. You can now book your appointment on line www.blood.ca. limited walk in spots available. Give the perfect gift - the gift of life! Thanks to all and the best of the Season and a Happy New Year.



THE WOMEN OF MOTHER EARTH - and friends have been putting on a free dinner for any and all who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. The 11th annual Christmas Dinner put on by generous volunteers and sponsors. This dinner is funded by donations from people, churches and businesses in the Portage la Prairie area. There are people who donate cooked turkeys, slaw, treats, cookies, coffee, sugar, tea, buns etc. All donation whether monetary or other (that can be volunteer time) food, children gifts, etc. There are volunteers from all over the community including those who provide entertainment. Last year the dinner was host to 150 guests. Christmas is a time that people do not need to be alone. The Christmas Day Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall at Trinity United Church. What a better way to show our love of Christ Jesus then to share what we have. Please contact Angela at 204-240-6259 or 204-872-4299 if needing more information. Thank-you.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER - standard items for the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers are stuffing, cranberry sauce, beverages, kraft dinner, hot & cold cereals, rice, canned items such as fruit, pasts, meats, soup, pasta & sauce, dry soup mixes, cake mixes, and jelly puddings, or jello. Please do not forget to donate toys for the children. They are planning to make over **550 hampers** this year. If you can help out with any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the gathering area. Thank-you for supporting this specific project.

"Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering the Kingdom." – Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 544)

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

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16th & 17th
"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

3rd Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 16th Sunday, December 17th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Friends
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions by Len & Helen Roy
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	For the Health of George Flamand
	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Gisele Wegleitner by the Bullock Family
Monday, December 18th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Deacon John Valley by Friends
Tuesday, December 19th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†John Overwater by the Gerard Verwey Family
Wednesday, December 20th	10:00 am	M.D.C.	†Dave Samolesky by Friends
Wednesday, December 20th	6:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Bernice Delbridge by the Bullock Family
Thursday, December 21st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Roselyne Dupuis & Phil Carriere
Friday, December 22nd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Michelle Lalancette by Friends
4th Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 23rd Sunday, December 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Monsignor Maurice Comeault, 50 Years to the Priesthood
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Dave Samolesky by Armand & Teresa Tanguay
Nativity of the Lord Sunday, December 24th	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For All Parishioners
	7:30 pm	Good Shepherd	For All Parishioners
	9:30 pm	St. Ambroise	For All Parishioners

Friendly Reminders - Saturday, December 23rd

Greeters - John & Doris Nichol
Ushers - Zennia Semchyshyn, Estelle Sinclair
 Jo-ann & Karl Voeselek
Gift Bearers - Masson Family
Lectors - Dana & Denise Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Tara Ryzner, Rosemary Barney,
 Ron O'Neil, Jim Ross, Jane Hebert

Friendly Reminders - Sunday, December 24th
5:00 pm

Greeters - Mary Bolton, Carolyne Roberts
Ushers - Irene Souque Hewitt,
Gift Bearers - Lubkiwski Family
Lectors - Irv Wegleitner, Helena Kot
Eucharist Ministers - Joe & Marie Wermie,
 Pauline Calder, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Paulyn Appah,
 Guy & Sylvia Gauthier

Friendly Reminders - Monday, December 25th
10:30 am

Greeters - Rose Marie Neault, Jo Laurans
Ushers - Adrian Alinsod, Myla Alinsod,
 Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Alinsod Family

Friendly Reminders - Sunday, December 24th

Greeters - Marilyn Spence, Brenda Franke
Ushers - Armand Tanguay, Michel Dufault,
 Ron & Julie Prieur
Gift Bearers - Wermie Family
Lectors - Gary van der Zweep, Ruth Deegan
Eucharist Ministers - Garth Bullock, Kerry McGowan,
 Stan Lambert, Kim Dengate, Mickey Cuthbert

Friendly Reminders - Sunday, December 24th
7:30 pm

Greeters - Irma Gobert, Louis Lasson
Ushers - John & Doris Nichol
 Norbert & Donna Rey
Gift Bearers - Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Lectors - Rosemary Barney, Bernadette Le Lievre
Eucharist Ministers - Jane Hebert, Elaine Harder,
 Suzanne Borisenko, Rose Marie Neault, Karen McLeod,
 Sinto Sebastian, Evaristo Garcia

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10:30 am

Lectors - John Chudzik, Sylvia Gauthier
Eucharist Ministers - Gary van der Zweep, Arthur Rey,
 Luc & Donna Gamache, Lynda Jones

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