




Collection As of Dec. 3 & 10	Collections Required For 2 Weeks	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 8,852.00	\$ 7,450.00	+ \$ 1,402.00	- \$ 38,699.00




**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP**  
All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship.

*Sharing God's Gifts*


Target Amount	Collected as of December 10th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 20,656.00	\$ 12,837.00	- \$ 7,819.00




**WELCOME** - Good Shepherd Parish would like to welcome all visitors to our parish. Love, joy and peace are the ingredients for a wonderful Christmas. We hope you find them all festive season. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!




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



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God, Gabrielle Slobodzian & Diamond Beaulieu who were baptized in our parish community. *"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are."* --1 John 3:1




**2024 MISSALS AND COLLECTION ENVELOPES** - are ready for pick up. Price of Missal is \$ 5.00 Children's' Missals are \$ 10.00. **Please try to have the correct change.**



**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR DECEMBER**  
Come Lord Jesus! Make us good stewards of Advent. Strengthen our faith; calm our fears. Come Lord Jesus! We hear John the Baptist's cry. Open our hearts. Give us the humility to repent. Come, Lord Jesus! Let us walk in your light! Show us how we prepare your way; and make straight your paths. Come, Lord Jesus! We give you thanks and praise, for the shining star and angelic host, for Mary and Joseph, good stewards, both. Come, Lord Jesus! We rejoice and are glad! For the Good News you bring And God's glory you revealed. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) - Monday, December 25** - In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.



**WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS** for the month of **January** are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$2.50 each. Please give as it helps to cover our costs.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 30/31** - When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?





Why do we make room? There was no room for Jesus in the inn. Should we be any different? Aren't we just too busy to accommodate such a task in our already busy lives? Do we not do a lot of "good" or "nice" things that let us off the hook? Have we not already made room for lots of other things to occupy us? So what's the key to our heart to let Jesus "in"? Did he not tell us, that there "are many rooms in my Father's house, if there were not, I would have told you" (John 14:2-4). So if he's made room for us, we can make room for him. Right? "I am the way the truth and the life. "No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Isn't amazing each year, as we gather to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, how this Infant Child Jesus, makes room for us? What a remarkable gift God offers us! A tender babe opens his arms prepared to embrace us. The miracle of that first Christmas is renewed in our hearts. Let us live with that childlike joy that allows us to relive the joy of our salvation. May we live the Gospel, the Good News in an abundant way this day and every day. Emmanuel: God is with us! Peace and Blessings to you and yours!



**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS** - is a time of waiting and expectation; a season of quiet anticipation and preparation. We are waiting for our Lord to come into the world as the baby Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. We are also preparing for His return, His second coming as the shepherd-king, to restore harmony and right relationship to all creation. Advent is a season yearning for God to come and set the world right with perfect justice, truth and peace. It is a season of hope. Advent is a time to emphasize preparation through prayer. While Lent emphasizes a spirit of repentance through prayer and fasting, Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers for deliverance, prayers of gladness and joyful expectation, prayers that await the light of Christ coming into the world. We do not shrink from those Advent scripture readings that reveal a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment. Christ's disciples expect the Lord to hold them accountable for what has been entrusted to them just as a spouse, parent, teacher or supervisor holds us accountable. And just as the steward was found faithful in small matters by the master, we too are confident that we will be found faithful and will enter the joy of the Master. We have absolute trust in the Lord's countenance. Assuredly, during Advent we anticipate the Lord's coming with hope. It is that hope, however faint at times, that keeps us from despair and the darkness of sin and its destructiveness. It is a hope that urges us to be kind, loving and compassionate toward one another. It is a hope that encourages our faith in a merciful God who continues to pour His grace upon us. We don't know when Christ will come again to bring human history to its completion. But we celebrate with gladness the great promise of Advent and we rekindle that positive, joyful spirit within us because we know, as Zechariah prophesied, that the light of Christ will shine on all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and He will guide our feet into the way of peace.



**Legend of the Christmas Spider** - (A Ukranian Legend) - Once upon a time a gentle mother was busily cleaning the house for the most wonderful day of the year. Not a speck of dust was left. Even the spiders had left their cozy corner in the ceiling and had fled to the attic to avoid the housewife's busy cleaning. At last, it was Christmas Eve. The tree was decorated and waiting for the children to see it. The poor spiders were frantic, for they could not see the tree, nor the presents that waited for dawn. The oldest and wisest spider suggested that perhaps they could peep through the crack in the door to see this glorious sight. Silently, they crept out of their attic, down the stairs and across the floor to wait in the crack in the threshold. Suddenly, the door opened a wee bit and quickly the spiders scurried into the room. The tree was breath-taking and certainly more than their eyes were accustomed to seeing. So, they crept all over the tree, up and down, over every branch and twig and saw every one of the pretty things. At last they were satisfied with the Christmas tree's beauty. But alas! Everywhere they went they had left their webs. Now seeing what they had done, they became very afraid that they would be killed; so they prayed for mercy. Suddenly, an angel appeared and said, "I'll save you, but I will need some help. One of you must stay to save the rest." It was agreed who would stay, and then the angel touched the spider and turned it to ice, and the webs became shimmering silver and gold. Since that time, we have hung tinsel on our Christmas trees to remind us of the sacrifice of one to save many. According to the legend, it has become a custom to include the spider among the decorations on the tree.



**Merry Christmas**



**3rd & 4th Sundays of Advent - December 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th, 2023**

**December 30th & 31st, 2023 January 1st & 2nd, 2024**

*"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14*

<b>3rd Sunday Of Advent</b> Saturday, December 16th Sunday, December 17th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Andy Wollbaum by Marlene Wollbaum & Family For The Health of Father Edmond Paradis O.M.I. by Loralie Rumancik & Family
Wednesday, December 20th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Walter Hickman by Friends
Thursday, December 21st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Peter Marcicki & The Fashoway Family by Walter Fashoway
Friday, December 22nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Terry Steeden by The Bullock Family
<b>4th Sunday Of Advent</b> Saturday, December 23rd Sunday, December 24th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠George & ✠Florence O'Neil by Ron O'Neil ✠Bob Calder by Pauline & Family
<b>Nativity Of The Lord</b> Sunday, December 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For Our Parish Community & Their Families
<b>Nativity Of The Lord Christmas Day</b> Monday, December 25th	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	For Our Parish Community & Their Families For Our Parish Community & Their Families
<b>Holy Family</b> Saturday, December 30th Sunday, December 31st	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Emilien Fraser & ✠Cresenciana Maranan by Richard & Marilyn Fraser ✠Shirley Verwey by Don Verwey
<b>Mary, Mother Of God</b> Monday, January 1st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For Peace In The World
Wednesday, January 3rd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠John & ✠Dolores Sareault by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Thursday, January 4th	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	Deceased Members of The Piano Family By Cynthia Robinson
Friday, January 5th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell	✠Anita Ducharme by The Family
<b>Epiphany Of The Lord</b> Saturday, January 6th Sunday, January 7th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	✠Bob Reitzel by Bill & Florence Zettler ✠Anita Galarneau by The Bullock Family ✠Clara Marriott by Dave & Rosemary Barney

**MASS TIMES**

**4th Sunday of Advent** - Saturday, December 23rd - 7:00 pm  
- Sunday, December 24th 10:30 am  
**Christmas Eve** - Sunday-December 24 - 7:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish  
**Christmas Day** - Monday-December 25 - 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish  
1:00 pm - St. Ambrose Church  
Saturday-December 30 7:00 pm - Good Shepherd  
Sunday-December 31 10:30 am - Good Shepherd  
**New Years Day** - Monday-January 1 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish



*May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love.*



**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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