

**Second Sunday of Advent - December 8th & 9th, 2018**

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Collection December 1 & 2	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,714.65	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 145.35	- \$ 14,147.08

*Sharing God's Gifts*

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of December 2nd	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 18,592.25	- \$ 617.75



**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **December 15 & 16**.

**DECEMBER**

9	Shut-in Trays	after Mass
9	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
11	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
12	Advent Reconciliation	6:30 pm
13	Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass	2:00 pm
	was rescheduled	
14	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
	@ Prairie Welcome House	
16	Anointing of the Sick	7:00 pm
17	Service of Remembrance & Hope	7:30 pm
	@ St. Mary's Church	
19	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am



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



Thank you to everyone who supported this project. Funds raised were \$ 3,805.00



**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.



**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE** - on Wednesday, **December, 17th at 7:30 pm**, at **St. Mary's 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.



*Walking Together  
in God's Embrace*

*Walking with Christ is a spiritual journey fed by prayer, scripture reading and the Eucharist.*

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD (MASS TIMES)**

December 24	5:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
	8:00 pm - St. Ambrose Parish
	10:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
December 25	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish
<b><u>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u></b>	
January 1	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish

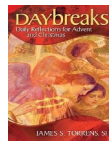
**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 10:00 AM - St. John XXIII  
**Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM-Good Shepherd Parish**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM - St. Mary's Cathedral  
 Thursday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 PM - St. Edward's Parish  
 Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 PM - St. Charles's Parish  
 Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament Church - Elie  
 Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 PM - St. Francois Xavier Church



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS** - Dawn

Lernowicz will be organizing the children's parts of the Christmas Mass (5:00 pm). If you wish to have your child participate, there will be sign up on **December 9th** after mass in the gathering area. There will be a practice on **December, 16th after mass**, will take about an hour. **On the December 24, could you be at the hall by 3:50, to get ready for Mass at 5:00.** We are always looking for helpers, if you are able please come and see me. Mary Hordeski will be helping this year. You can contact Dawn at 204-872-2897 if you have any questions.



**DAYBREAKS** - daily reflection for Advent and

Christmas. Written by Jesuit priest Father Torrens, draws from his knowledge of Isaiah, the Gospels, and St. Paul and other early Church writers to help us understand and prepare for the Nativity. In a season where it's easy to lose sight of what's important, Father Torrens offers insightful reflections to help Catholics focus on the arrival of our Savior at Christmas. **These booklets are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$1.50 each. Please give as it help to cover our costs.**

*It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa*

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**CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN ADVENT** - The children of our Parish will participate in a special Advent Activity as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord. Christmas is celebrating the Love of God in our lives through His Son, Jesus. Jesus was born into poor circumstances as we too reach out to those who are in need and be God's love for them. At Mass during Advent, three treasure chests which represent the three gifts of Kings to our Lord - Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh - will be in the sanctuary. **Gold** - during our collection, **children are invited to come to the Altar and place a loonie in the treasure chest for the poor.** The children will decide what local charity to donate the money that is collected. **Frankincense** represents the prayers written by our children. **Myrrh** represents one good deed the children will do in the coming week. These two chests will be brought forward during procession by the children. This activity assists the children in connecting catechism to the Mass and to our daily lives. We support and encourage our children during this season of Advent.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.



**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - Our Model of Stewardship During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we have a number of opportunities to reflect on and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is a model of stewardship par excellence. Mary teaches us the meaning of stewardship by her own life witness. **On December 8**, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the conception of Mary in her mother's womb without the stain of original sin. **On December 12**, we celebrate Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531 she appeared to Juan Diego on a hill outside Mexico City. A life-size figure of the Virgin as a young, dark-skinned American Indian woman with the face of a mestizo was imprinted on his cloak. The image gave the indigenous people of the Americas assurance that our Blessed Mother was loving and compassionate toward them. **On December 25**, when we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, we celebrate the birth of Jesus through his mother, Mary. The Incarnation took place through Mary's own flesh, and the infant Jesus was nourished by Mary's own body. **On January 1**, Mary is honored as the "Mother of God," the greatest of her titles. This title is the foundation for every other title attributed to her as she became the mother of God from the instant Jesus was conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.



**ADVENT A SEASON OF HOPE** - Advent 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.

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

<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 8th Sunday, December 9th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose Good Shepherd	†Shirley O'Neil by Ron O'Neil Intentions for the Ammeter & Lupkowski Families †Frank & †Elmira Ricard by the Family For the Spanish Community
Tuesday, December 11th	2:00 pm	Lions Prairie Manor	†Shirley O'Neil by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Thursday, December 13th	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell	†Deacon Bill Parrack by Friends
Friday, December 14th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Philomina Jackson by the Family
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 15th Sunday, December 16th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Felix Lambert by the Family †Rodrigo Natividad by Stride Credit Union Family Father Jose Cabral by a Friend

***Friendly Reminders***  
**Saturday, December 15th**

- Greeters** - Pauline Puff, Madeline Provo  
**Ushers** - Norbert & Donna Rey  
 Cecile Scott, Zennia Semchyslyn  
**Gift Bearers** - Pierre Huberdeau, Bob Dionne  
**Lectors** - Dave & Rosemary Barney  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Donna Rey, Doris Nichol,  
 Kriztofer Cuesta, Helena Kot, Jo-ann Voesenek

***Friendly Reminders***  
**Sunday, December 16th**

- Greeters** - Hazel Desjardin, Joan Dufresne  
**Ushers** - Armand Tanguay, Arthur Rey,  
 Michel Dufault, Richard Fraser  
**Gift Bearers** - Art & Cheryl Windsor  
**Lectors** - Marie Hinagpis, Gayly Reniedo  
**Ministers** - Elaine Harder, Mickey Cuthbert, Stan Lambert,  
 Joe & Marie Wermie, Kerry McGowan, Irv Wegleitner

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - **Sunday, December 16th 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.



**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.

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR DECEMBER** - As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***NOVENA MASS TIMES***

- December 16th - 7:00 pm      December 17th - 5:00 pm      December 18th - 5:00 pm  
 December 19th - 5:00 pm      December 20th - 5:00 pm      December 21st - 5:00 pm  
 December 22nd - 7:00 pm      December 23rd - 7:00 pm  
**December 24th - 5:00 pm or 10:00 pm**

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