



*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 February 4 & 5	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,197.55	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 267.45	- \$ 3,004.05

**January Sharing God's Gifts - \$ 2,132.00**

**FEBRUARY**

13	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
13	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
14	Happy Valentine's Day	
14	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
16	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm
20	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
21	Liturgy Workshop	7:00 pm
22	MDC Mass	10:00 am
22	Liturgy Meeting	7:00 pm



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

*New schedules are ready for pick up.*

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** - the income tax receipts are ready for pick up. **Sharing God's Gifts** receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese.



**TREASURE CHEST** - The funds that were raised by the youth during advent, collection in the treasure chest came to \$ 75.00. The funds will go the Children's Wish Foundation.

**NATHANAEL** - Ernie & Patricia Gagnon will be attending the masses on the weekend of February 18th and 19th to give a short presentation about the Nathanael experience and to answer any questions that you may have after the masses.



*All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Cribbage tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 13th, 20th, 27th, & March 6th at the Good Shepherd Church Hall at 1225 Sask. Ave East. The top two scores each week will advance to the playoff round. The playoff will be held Monday March 6th where prizes will be awarded for 1st to 4th place. Registration begins each night at 6:30 PM and games start at 7:00 PM sharp. Entry fee is \$ 10.00 per player, 10 each single player games will be held each night. 50% of each nights entry fees will be put towards the playoff prize money. A side tournament the night of the playoff will also be held with a 50% payout of the nights entry fee. Canteen will be available. For more info please contact Kevin Le Lievre at 204-239-6696.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS** - Just a reminder that the 2017 memberships (\$25.00) are now due. You can drop them off at the rectory or put them in the collection basket marked CWL. We would like these paid by February 15th, if possible. Bernadette Le Lievre, President (204-239-6696)

**SCHOLARSHIP** - A \$500.00 dollar scholarship for continuing education is being made available by the Catholic Women's League to a Catholic Student from Good Shepherd Parish (including St Ambrose) graduating from Grade 12 this year. The criteria will not be based solely on marks, it will also consider volunteerism in and out of the Parish and other criteria. If you would like an application and full criteria please call either Bernadette at 239-6696, Irene at 857-5015, or Joan 857-8092. Applications should be submitted by not later than May 30th to Catholic Women's League 114 Countess Ave. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N - 0T2.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

**St. Mary's Annual Valentine Tea** - will be held this year on Saturday, February 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Your congregation is cordially invited to come for tea and fellowship.

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 11th & 12th, 2017

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## **HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH**

**CHURCH EXPANSION** - In addition to the \$450,000 cash that is available to us to secure a loan for one of the Church extension choices, we now have pledges in place for \$3500 per month. This will allow us to proceed towards this project based on a 7 year loan. If you have not yet participated in making a pledge and voting for one of the choices please do so as soon as possible.

**LITURGY WORKSHOP** - for those who have signed up for the workshop it will be **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**LITURGY MEETING** - There will be a liturgy meeting at the Church on **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**THE INTERMENT OF CREATED REMAINS** - Questions arise about the practice of interring created remains (ashes). This week, Monique Gauthier, from *Living Waters Columbarium* will be giving a presentation at the Central Deanery Meeting. In a brief conversation, Monique acknowledged that when an interment (burial) is delayed for some time due to weather concerns or for a more opportune time for family to gather, they have begun to house created remains (ashes) in their Columbarium until a proper burial can be completed. The challenge of delaying the interment of created remains (ashes) is an emotionally sensitive subject and can cause great tension within families. The practice of interment continues to be an important part of our tradition and an opportunity for the family members to witness the completion of a loved ones earthly journey. Monique serves on the pastoral staff at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish in Winnipeg. I will be contacting Monique to offer us a presentation this Spring.

**FUNERAL BOOKLETS** - For some years now, I have wanted to see a funeral booklet created to assist those attending a funeral in our parish. In addition to an order of service that would acknowledge those participating at a particular funeral, the scripture passages would be available for those who would like to read along during the liturgy. Attending a funeral has always been a profoundly emotional time for family and friends alike. Providing a sense of welcome and reassurance is the hope. If you would like to assist in some typing and preparation of such a booklet, please let Fr. Gerald know. Thank you.

***Why are Funeral Masses Celebrated in the Church?*** The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at a funeral is a strong part of our Catholic tradition. At each mass we remember the deceased and lift them up to the Lord in thanksgiving for their life. In a particular way, we offer mass, at the occasion of one's funeral, for the repose of their soul. Nowadays it is very customary to hear a funeral referred to as a "Celebration of Life". While in a particular way we draw attention to the life of the individual for which we gather to remember, the true "celebration of life" is the celebration of Eternal Life. At each mass, we are called to look forward to the life "yet to come".

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PHILIPPINES** - "Am I Being Unfair to You?" written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines. This is an international event that has been connecting people in a meaningful way for almost a century. Despite being planned years in advance, World Day of Prayer services have a remarkable record for anticipating major events, like the refugee crisis (France 2013), the Arab Spring (Egypt 2014) and the winding down of the U.S. embargo against Cuba (Cuba 2016). The secret to this depth and insight is the women who plan and write each World Day of Prayer service. Too often, women have the most intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "Am I being unfair to you?" Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on **Saturday, March 4th, Good Shepherd Parish at 1:00 pm.** For all those who are attending, please remember to bring 6 cookies each. Following the service, please come and join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

**"Giving up doesn't always mean you are weak. Sometimes it means that you are strong enough to let go."**

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<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, February 11th	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	For all Parishioners ✠George & ✠Florence O'Neil by Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Sunday, February 12th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Alvin Lupkowski by the Lupkowski Family
Tuesday, February 14th	2:00 pm	Lions Manor	✠Georgiana Duchesne by Friends
Thursday, February 16th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For Health of a Parishioner
Friday, February 17th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Ivabelle Somers by the Cousins
<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, February 18th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Caroline Loucks by Andy Loucks & Family
Sunday, February 19th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Josephine Kroeker by the Catholic Women's League

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, February 18th**

**Greeters** - Mary Bolton, Pauline Puff  
**Ushers** - Bill & Florence Zettler,  
 Zennia Semchyshyn, Bernadette Gnanaprasgasm  
**Gift Bearers** - Don & Cecile Scott  
**Lectors** - Jane Hebert, Rachael Murray  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Tara Ryzner, Jo-ann Voesenek,  
 Donna Rey, Helena Kot, Lynda Jones

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, February 19th**

**Greeters** - Bill & Elaine Vint  
**Ushers** - Dave & Lorraine Samolesky,  
 Jo Laurans, Sharon Murkin  
**Gift Bearers** - Alinsod Family  
**Lectors** - John Chudzick, Irv Wegleitner  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Neeu Shibu, Karen McLeod,  
 Gary van der Zweep, Joe & Marie Wermie,  
 Margaret Whiteley, Elaine Harder

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** - Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which a name is given to the Virgin Mary in honor of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a saint several years later.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** - **Our Father** (Protector and sustainer of all people) **Who art in Heaven** (But also in this room, this facility, this home) **Hallowed be thy name** (Your names are many. May I call you "healer" this day?) **Thy kingdom come** (May your peace and joy one day again be mine) **Thy will be done** (I drop my pleas, and hand everything over to you) **On earth as it is in Heaven** (Here and now, as I remain in this world) **Give us this day our daily bread** (Provide me with the strength and resources I need this day) **And forgive us our trespasses** (Transform my weariness of this bed, these walls, this confinement) **As we forgive those who trespass against us** (Enlarge my understanding of people who don't come, or who stay too long; Or those who seem insensitive, or slow to respond to my needs) **And lead us not into temptation** (Restrain my desire to scream, lash out, accuse, find fault) **But deliver us from evil** (Relieve my apathy, impatience, and despair,) **For thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory** (For only you can give me the hope that truly sustains me in life) **Forever and ever** (Today and always) **Amen.** Chaplain Patricia Duffield, BCC

**PRAYER FOR THE CAREGIVER** - Gift us, Lord, with the humility of those who care beyond knowing and being known; who give their time ungrudgingly with simple and wordless presence; who listen like the patient dawn holding its breath, anticipating birdsong even from a dark and starless sky. Teach us, Lord, the humility of healing that seeks no cure but peace, that knows no power but hope. Grant our service the self-forgetfulness that sees only the other; grant our hearts that wisdom which discerns the riches in poverty, the strength in weakness, the life in death. Hold us, Lord, in the mercy that is as ready to share tears as to dry them; as willing to carry the cross as to roll away the stone. Guide us in our walk across waves of suffering too rough to bear, that we, like you, may have the courage to extend our hand to our sinking neighbor, and so together reach the still harbor of grace.

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