



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 10 & 11 | Collections Required Per Week | Weekly Collection + / - | Year to Date Collections + / - |
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| \$ 3,308.75 | \$ 3,860.00 | - \$ 551.35 | - \$ 905.40 |



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **February 17 & 18**.

FEBRUARY

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| 18 | Community Breakfast after Mass | |
| 19 | Knights Cribbage Tournament | 6:30 pm |
| 21 | M.D.C. Service | 10:00 am |
| 22 | Knights of Columbus Social Evening After Mass | |
| 23 | Stations of the Cross | 7:00 pm |
| 24 | Baptism Preparation | |
| 26 | Blood Donor Clinic | 3:00 - 8:00 pm |
| | @ Canad Inn | |
| 26 | Knights Cribbage Tournament | 6:30 pm |



COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST - will be Sunday, **February 18th, after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Menu will include **hash browns, pancakes, & sausages**. 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.**



BAPTISM PREPARATION - is planned for Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 am till 1:30 pm (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.



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



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - We are happy to report that we have exceeded our parish Sharing God's Gifts goal for 2017. The amount of the overage was \$ 10,681.30. Thank you for your generous donations to Sharing God's Gifts.

| 2018 Target Amount | Collected As of February 11th | Year to Date + / - |
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| \$ 19,210.00 | \$ 2,406.00 | - \$ 16,804.00 |

SYNOD - A handout explaining the Archdiocesan Synod process is available in the gathering area. Our parish delegates - Tracy Maloney-Bullock, Ruth Mulligan, Michel Touchette - are seeking further feedback from parishioners before the next session. Please take this opportunity to have a say in the future direction of our diocese and parish. Please return feedback by **February 18** in writing to the basket in the gathering area or by email to ruthmul@mymts.net. Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Cribbage tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 19th, 26th, & March 5th 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 on 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.



"40 CANS FOR LENT" - **Knights of Columbus** - are sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Hunger knows no season and every day many people go hungry. The goal of this program is for each Council member and each Parishioner to contribute 1 non-perishable food item per day during the 40 days of Lent in order to help keep our local food pantries well stocked all year round. The items 'can' be dropped off in the baskets in the gathering area. Some items could be used at Prairie Welcome House, and the bulk delivered to Salvation Army and/or the soup kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. Last years total was **1,151**.



They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.

Giving gifts during Lent

James Lamm, Director of Stewardship, St. Louis Catholic Church, Austin, Texas

Christmas is the time most of us think about giving gifts. The three Magi in the Christmas story gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts represented the infant Jesus as God, as High Priest, and as the Sacrificial Lamb who died on the cross for us. During the season of Lent we are also called to give gifts. The gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the traditional gifts of Lent. Unlike the gifts from the Magi, however, the gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are sacrificial gifts of ourselves, and therefore fitting gifts to our God.

Prayer allows us to be loved by God the Father. Prayer places us in the position to listen and to give God all that we are, our expectations and hopes. Prayer is a sacrifice of praise and intercession. The gift of prayer is the way we unite ourselves to Jesus and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who makes all things new.

Fasting is a great spiritual tradition. Fasting represents the element of expectation of the Lord. It is the opening of the heart, stripping oneself of everything that is an obstacle to the gift of Christ's coming. During Lent, fasting represents being pilgrims toward the great gift of Easter. We must rediscover the need and desire for God as the center of our existence, emptying ourselves in order to be full of God.

Almsgiving is more than an act of giving; it is an attitude of the heart. It is an attitude of heart that is humble, repentant, merciful, compassionate, and which seeks to imitate with others the experience of mercy that each of us receives from our God. Almsgiving, therefore, is care, is discernment, is gift – all of these being part of what we have experienced as believers when we contemplate the love of God that accepts and forgives us.

During Lent we need to rediscover the value of sacrifice through the gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A sacrifice is a gesture of love which costs something and is done in praise of God and for some one who is suffering and in need. There is no love without sacrifice, just as without love, sacrifice would be simply external restraint. Sacrifice is an offering of love. We must not forget the great example that Jesus gave us, and remember that "God so loved the world that he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all" (John 3:16).

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries usually on the first Friday in March. Our aim is to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer. Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SURINAME - "All God's creation is very good!" The flag of Suriname is formed by five **horizontal** bands of green (top, double width), white, red (quadruple width), white, and green (double width). There is a large, yellow, five-pointed star centered in the red band. The flag was adopted on November 25, 1975, upon the independence of Suriname. The Republic of Suriname lies in the north-eastern part of South America. Suriname is named after the Surinen tribe, one of the indigenous peoples of the land. Suriname is part of the Guianas, an ecological region within the Amazon. There are 715 species of birds. The giant sea turtles flock to sandy beaches like Galibi and Matapica, to lay their eggs. There are many orchids and over 60 species of heliconias (lobster claw flower). The National flower is the 'fajalobi' (passionate love). The country has approximately 540,000 inhabitants. We have a multi ethnic population consisting of indigenous peoples, African descendants (Creoles and Maroons) and also Asian descendants (Hindustani, Javanese and Chinese people), and European descendants. Sranan tongue was the language used among the slaves. Now, it is the language spoken among the different ethnic groups. The official language is Dutch, a remnant from the last colonizer of Suriname. The national dish is chicken with rice and kouseband (yardlong bean), but no less popular are dishes like saoto soup, telo, roti, peanut soup, and pom, and equally important is the Madame Jeanette pepper, a hot, yellow chili pepper grown in Suriname, that characterizes the Surinamese cuisine. The majority of the indigenous peoples and the Maroons communities live in the vast forests of the interior. About 90% of the population of Suriname lives in the coastal areas. More than half live in the capital city of Paramaribo. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday , March 9th, at St. Mary's Church (36 - 2nd St. S.W.) 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.

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

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| 1st Sunday Of Lent Saturday, February 17th Sunday, February 18th | 7:00 pm 10:30 am | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd | †Caroline Loucks by Family †Jeannette Houle by Margaret Whiteley |
| Wednesday, February 21st | 10:00 am | M.D.C. | Celebration of the Word with Communion |
| Thursday, February 22nd | 7:00 pm | Good Shepherd | †Fran Parynuick by the Knights of Columbus |
| Friday, February 23rd | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | Special Intentions by Len & Helen Roy |
| 2nd Sunday Of Lent Saturday, February 24th Sunday, February 25th | 7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise | For the Health of Bev Orne by Amanda Pangman †Gisele Wegleitner by Joe & Doreen Delaurier †Harry Lavallee by the Family |

Friendly Reminders
Saturday, February 24th

Greeters - Estelle Sinclair, Pauline Puff
Ushers - Zennia Semechyshyn, Bob Dionne
 Norbert & Donna Rey
Gift Bearers - Don & Cecile Scott
Lectors - Denise & Dana Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Anita Kowerchuk, Jim Ross,
 Mary Bolton, Jane Hebert, Helena Kot

Friendly Reminders
Sunday, February 25th

Greeters - Appah Family
Ushers - Armand Tanguay, Gayly Reniedo
 Analyn Fenis, Arthur Rey
Gift Bearers - Art & Cheryl Windsor
Lectors - Rosa Rawlings, Irv Wegleitner
Ministers - Paulyn Appah, Pauline Calder, Kim Dengate,
 Guy & Sylvia Gauthier, Garth Bullock, Kerry McGowan

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR LENT - God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, embrace the Good News and draw closer to You. During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in our hearts and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - the stations of the cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. What matters most in the stations of the cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. Each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various ministries of our parish, beginning at 7:00 pm. Holy Hour with adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament will precede at 6:30**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - With the anticipation of Lent around the corner, **we may offer an evening session after Stations of the Cross on some Friday evenings in February and early March**. Please note that people are not always free to attend the weekly sessions, therefore you do not need to commit to being at every session. The discussion has been very good, and each person has an opportunity to speak as they are comfortable to participate. All are welcome.