



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 11 & 12	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,095.65	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 369.35	- \$ 3,373.40

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

FEBRUARY

20	Louis Riel Day	
20	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
21	Liturgy Workshop (date change-March 18)	9:00 am
22	MDC Mass	10:00 am
22	Liturgy Meeting	7:00 pm
23	Knights Social Evening after Mass	
27	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
27	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm

MARCH

1	Ash Wednesday	
2	Douglas Campbell Mass	2:00 pm
4	World Day Of Prayer	1:00 pm



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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - beginning Friday, March 3rd and continuing throughout Lent, we will gather at 7:00 pm to meditate on the Stations of the Cross. I welcome representatives from different groups in our parish community, ie. Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Catechists amongst others to lead us in this special prayer. I would also like to offer an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a weekly basis. Peace, Fr. Gerald



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Cribbage

tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 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 another

passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?

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.

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference."

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HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

CHURCH EXPANSION - this coming week we will be have a final count of the design/option votes and pledge commitments for the Church expansion. These numbers will be published in the bulletin and will be spoken about at each of the masses next weekend.

Fr. Gerald goes to Dauphin - in preparation for a Mission I will be offering at St. Viator's Parish in Dauphin at the end of March, I will be in Dauphin this weekend. Fr. John Legitimas, pastor of St. Viator's will be here at Good Shepherd. I am grateful to Fr. John for his willingness to invite me to Dauphin as I prepare for their Lenten Mission. Please pray for us. Synod Commission for the New Evangelization and Mission - in the coming weeks, I will be meeting along with my co-chair Helena Fitzgerald and the members of the commission to prepare a "White Paper" for the upcoming synod sessions which will be held in the Fall of 2017. In addition to our commission work, there will be 8 additional committees doing similar work and preparation for the synod meetings.

LITURGY WORKSHOP - Liturgy Workshop - **Date change** - Please note that I will be offering the workshop on Liturgy on **Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 am**. We will conclude before noon. Due to my increase activities with the commission these next couple of months I will offer one and not two workshops. The workshop will not be "bookish", but will honor the experience of the participants. While there will be some handouts and helpful information on the Liturgy, the importance of our learning from each other will be key. Please come, and be prepared to have some fun!

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.

February is a transitional month, especially in 2017 with its 28th day right on the doorstep of Ash Wednesday, March 1, and the season of Lent. Many of us also begin to hope that spring will be around the next corner. The first seed catalog we find in the mail reminds us this must be true, yet we know it's not time to turn the soil. We wait in the quiet of late winter. What better time than February, before Lent and the advent of spring, to settle in for some reading and praying with sacred scripture? February can be a quiet time of patient reflection for the Christian steward. The psalms, like so many biblical passages, remind us of the benefits of reading God's word: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105). Our liturgical year offers us a wonderful pathway to the Bible by providing Lectionary readings for each day. Our Sunday Gospel readings this year come to us mainly from Saint Matthew. In the month of February we have an opportunity to reflect on Christ's teachings in his Sermon on the Mount with its hope-filled Beatitudes. This Gospel is ideal for spending time with the Lord in quiet meditation. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew Jesus gives us a guide to Christian living. If you choose to read this great book of the Bible, consider just one episode in the Gospel each time you read it. Put yourself into the scene. See what words strike a chord in you. Ask the Lord to help you know him through the Gospel reading. One of the hallmarks of Saint Matthew's Gospel is his emphasis on discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus. Christian stewards look this Gospel to gain new insights into their journey of faith; and much like the desires of gardeners, long for the seeds of the Gospel, especially the Beatitudes, to be planted in their own hearts. Find some quiet time. Pick up your Bible. And use God's gift of these quiet February days to deepen your knowledge of Christ through sacred scripture.

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7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 18th & 19th, 2017

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 18th Sunday, February 19th	7:00 pm 11:00 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Caroline Loucks by Andy Loucks & Family ✠Josephine Kroeker by the Catholic Women's League
Wednesday, February 22nd	10:00 am	MDC	✠Josephine Kroeker by Sylvia & Guy Gauthier
Thursday, February 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Lorrie Tanguay by the Knights of Columbus
Friday, February 24th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Eva & ✠John Zalluski by the Family
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 25th Sunday, February 26th	7:00 pm 11:00 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Zettler & Phillippi Families by Bill & Florence Zettler ✠Lloyd Maloney by the Family
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 1st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	All Souls in Purgatory by Jacklin Jackson

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, February 25th

Greeters - Jo-ann & Karl Voesenek
Ushers - Andy Loucks, Paul Seguin,
 Norbert & Donna Rey
Gift Bearers - Zettler Family
Lectors - Dave & Rosemary Barney
Eucharist Ministers - Jewley Baby, Donna Lynn Barnett,
 Deepthy George, Zennia Semchyshyn, Denise Payment

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, February 26th

Greeters - Richard Fraser & Family
Ushers - Arthur Rey, Michel Dufault,
 Ron & Julie Prieur
Gift Bearers - Art & Cheryl Windsor
Lectors - Emma Gobin, Gary van der Zweep
Eucharist Ministers - Stan Lambert, Sinto Sebastian,
 Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Rose Marie Neault,
 Evaristo Garcia, Mickey Cuthbert

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 Father Gerald know. Thank you

Three weekends in our February liturgical calendar will turn our attention to Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Matthew explaining what is to be expected of those who choose to follow him. This is the familiar Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1 – 7:29), the most quoted part of the Bible. Jesus' sermon begins with messages of comfort, the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12). *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.* The word "Beatitude" refers to a state of deep happiness or joy. But these sayings are paradoxes. They turn our normal expectations upside down. Jesus is bringing us a new law, new expectations on how to live. He is bringing forth the Kingdom of God. As the United States bishops wrote in their 1992 stewardship pastoral, "Jesus does not waste time proposing lofty but unrealistic ideals; he tells his followers how they are expected to live. The Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount prescribe the lifestyle of a Christian disciple." Each of these "blesseds" is a statement about an important aspect of how we exercise stewardship of our lives. Each of them offers us an ideal of how to live and how we find God living within us. Learn the Beatitudes, memorize them, make them part of your daily prayer life, and ask the Lord for the wisdom and strength to follow this stewardship way of life, a path that follows in the footsteps of Jesus.

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